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NEXT SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1379
Sat 0800 WRMI
               9955
Sat 1630 WWCR3 12160
Sat 2130 WRMI 9955
Sun 0230 WWCR3 5070
Sun 0630 WWCR1 3215
[Note: this year, the DST/UT time shift occurs Nov 4]
Sun 0800 WRMI 9955
Sun 1515 WRMI 7385 [ex-1500]
Mon 0300 WBCO 9330-CLSB [confirmed Oct 15]
Mon 0415 WBCQ
              7415 [time varies to 0500]
Mon 0830 WRMI
              9955
Tue 1030 WRMI 9955
Tue 1530 WRMI 7385
Wed 0730 WRMI 9955
Wed 2300 WBCO 18910-CLSB
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WORLD OF RADIO, CONTINENT OF MEDIA, MUNDO RADIAL SCHEDULE: Latest edition of this schedule version, including AM, FM, satellite and webcasts with hotlinks to station sites and audio, is at: http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html

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## WRN ON DEMAND:

http://new.wrn.org/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24

WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS VIA WRN NOW AVAILABLE:

http://www.wrn.org/listeners/stations/podcast.php

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\*\* ABKHAZIA. GEORGIA [Abkhazia] Again were news of the Keeppeace Forces listened from 1102 UT on 9495 kHz on Oct 21st. At 1100 UT three times ID of Apsua/Abkhaz Radio, man and lady announce freqs MHz and kHz in Abkhaz and from 1102 UT above in Russian from another speaker seems to be early recorded news bulletin (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Oct 23, wwdxc BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD)

\*\* ALBANIA. Uploaded MSWord document, B07ALR-24 October.doc, from Drita Cico to the files section [of the dxldyg]. 3 page document. First page indicates "The Albanian Radiotelevision is a very potential National (Public since 1998) and International Broadcaster on MW, HF, FM, VHF-UHF and Satellite, actually planning to implement its full digitization till 2012. The year 2012 will be the farewell year for the analog broadcasting by passing on to a fully digitized broadcasting everywhere in the world."

Does this mean DRM? Hasn't anyone realized DRM is NOT catching on? Even DW has cut back on DRM.

Whatever happened to using SSB? I believe R. Norway Int and HCJB both used SSB in the past. Doesn't almost every SW radio receive SSB? Seems to me SSB is a solution today for less power needed and less bandwidth instead of the DRM fantasy. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Oct 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello: Yes Sir, really DRM is Fantasy. I totally agree with your opinion. SSB could have been used much more Cordially (Tom·s MÈndez, Spain, ibid.)

\*\* ASIA [non]. Re 7-127 R. Free Asia B-07, but missing frequencies for Mandarin; here they are, along with sites for most of the frequencies:

Burmese (4 hours daily) 0030-0130 13710SAI, 13815IRA, 15700TIN 0130-0230 TBA 1230-1330 11795TIN, 12105IRA, 15700TIN 1330-1430 TBA

Cantonese (2 hours daily) 1400-1500 5855TIN, 7280TIN 2200-2300 9570TIN, 11740SAI, 11775TIN

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Khmer (2 hours daily)
1230-1330 13725IRA, 15390TIN
2230-2330 9355TIN, 11850TIN
Korean (5 hours daily)
1500-1700 5860TIN, 7210IRK, 9385SAI
1700-1800 5860TIN, 7210, 9385IRK
1800-1900 5860TIN, 7210, 9385IRA
2100-2200 5835TIN, 7460, 9385TIN
Lao (2 hours daily)
0000-0100 11830IRA, 15535TIN
1100-1200 9355SAI, 15120IRA
Mandarin (12 hours daily)
0300-0600 11980IRK, 13625TIN, 15150TIN, 15665TIN,
          17615SAI, 17880SAI, 21495TIN, 21540TIN
0600-0700 11980IRK, 13625TIN, 15150TIN, 15665TIN,
          17615SAI, 17880SAI, 21495TIN
1500-1600 7445TIN, 7530TIN, 9440TIN, 9905PAL, 11945TIN, 13670TIN
1600-1700 5810TIN, 7415TIN, 7445TIN, 9455SAI, 9905PAL, 11945TIN,
13670TIN
1700-1800 5810TIN, 7415TIN, 7445TIN, 9355SAI, 9455SAI, 9905PAL,
          11945TIN, 13670TIN
1800-1900 5810TIN, 6095TIN, 7355TAI, 7415TIN, 7445TIN, 9355SAI,
9455SAI,
          11790TIN, 11945TIN, 13670TIN
1900-2000 1098TAI, 5810TIN, 5990TIN, 6095TIN, 7355TAI, 7445TIN,
          9355SAI, 9455SAI, 9875PAL, 11790TIN, 11945TIN
2000-2100 1098TAI, 5810TIN, 5990TIN, 6095TIN, 7190TIN, 7355TAI,
          9355SAI, 9455SAI, 9875PAL, 11900SAI, 11950TIN
2100-2200 1098TAI, 5810TIN, 6095TIN, 7190TIN, 7355TAI,
          9355SAI, 9455SAI, 9875PAL, 11950TIN, 13745TIN
2300-0000 7540 11745TIN 11775TIN 15265SAI 15430TIN 15550TIN
Tibetan (8 hours daily)
0100-0300 7470KWT, 9670WER, 11695UAE, 15220TIN, 17730
0600-0700 17515, 17715KWT, 21570TIN, 21695DHA
1100-1200 7470, 11540, 11590KWT, 15375UAE
1200-1400 7470, 11540, 11590KWT, 13625TIN, 15375UAE
1500-1600 7470KWT, 7550, 11500KWT, 15145UAE
2300-0000 6010UAE, 7470, 7550KWT, 9875LAM
Uyghur (2 hours daily)
0100-0200 7480, 9645UAE, 9690UAE, 15270TIN, 17570TIN
1600-1700 6115IRA, 7515, 9625UAE, 11720TIN
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Vietnamese (2 hours daily)

1400-1500 5855, 7515TIN, 9455SAI, 11605TAI, 12130IRA, 13865IRA, 15470TIN
2330-0030 5855IRA, 9730TIN, 11580, 11605TAI, 11965TIN, 15135SAI, 15565VLD
(BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD)

\*\* CANADA. CFVP Address Check: Hi folks, heard the rare outlet of 6030, sent off 2 reports, each time, returned. The address I have used was PO Box 2750, Station M, Calgary, Alberta T2P-4P8, Canada. This has been returned as "Box closed". Funny enough just heard their MW outlet CKMX 1060 which is even more rare, from Brisbane. Does anyone have the new address? Attempts at emailing the station bring a zero response. Thanks (Johno from Sydney Australia, Wright, HCDX via DXLD)

Johno, NRCAM log 2007-2008 shows that box as well as: 1110 Centre St North, 3rd floor Calgary, Alberta T2E 2K2 73, (Glenn Hauser, OK, ibid.)

The CKMX website http://www.classiccountryam1060.com/node/32736 lists the following address: 1110 Centre St. N Calgary, Alberta T2E 2R2. Almost the same as the NRC log, but a slightly different postal code (Bruce Portzer, ibid.)

Thanks to all who sent me the correct new address. Also advising Nick Hardyman for the WRTVH 2008 edition (Johno, Sydney, Australia, ibid.)

\*\* CANADA. RCIís new schedules for the B07 broadcast season (28 October 2007 to 30 March 2008) have been posted on the iSchedules and Frequenciesî page of our website at the following address: http://www.rcinet.ca/rci/en/horaires.shtml

You will find not only our shortwave broadcast schedules, but also the schedules for our three 24-hour per day satellite channels on the HotBird satellite (Europe/North Africa/Middle East), and for the RCI Plus channel on Sirius Satellite Radio. Please note that the schedules are posted in PDF format. If you do not have the Adobe Reader software to read PDF files, you may download it free of charge by following the link given on the iSchedules and Frequenciesî page. Listeners in the Indian Subcontinent should note that, with this schedule, we will be reinstating a morning broadcast to your area at 0100 UTC. We welcome your comments on our programming and on our updated website. We wish you good listening in the coming season. RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL [sic] (via Josè Bueno, dxldyg via DXLD)

Includes separate schedules for the Week of Confusion, and to be the same for the Two Sesquiweeks of Confusion, March 9-30, 2008. Here I pull out all the English broadcasts via Sackville, which are well

heard even off the back in USA:

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Confusion Nov4-Mar9 kHz deg days if not daily 1505-1705 1605-1705 9515 277 1800-1859 1800-1859 13650 73 15365 105 17740 105 2100-2159 2100-2159 9770 60 2305-2405 0005-0105 9755 268 0005-0105 0105-0205 9755 268 Tue-Sat (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
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\*\* CANADA. I had to visit our local CJWI-1610 (CPAM Radiounion.com "L'ethnique d'expression franÁaise de service ‡ MontrÈal") on Sunday evening. I wasn't invited to the studios. In fact, they were very buzzy with their 5th birthday party, so they didn't really carried about my urge to take from them pedagogical material in order to attend (at school) an oral presentation about them (I needed to talk about something running for cultural and idiomnastic purposes!). I took some photos, anyway.

In the car, something very strange, on the parking lot where their building is standing, ALONG WITH THEIR TRANSMITTER (!), the entire AM band was blancked, nothing, neither splatter or real reception. Just CJWI was coming in, loud and clear (of course). On the other hand, even 30 kHz away from them, on let's say 1580 kHz, NOTHING was to be heard, zilch, nada !!!! Driving 4 meters from their studio, CINF Infos 690 began to appear (when tuned to them) at an irregular shape (with Doppler-shift [sic]) until it overpowered the frequency with a local strength signal almost 100 meters away.

On the other hand, at Villeray Parc Extension (5 km from their tx building), under the interstate bridge, the signal vanishes. Only if you get as close as 1 km to their studios/transmitter you can enjoy them under the interstate bridge. Even for 1 kW it is very unimpressive (Bogdan Alexandru Chiochiu, DX'ing with his trusty Sanyo MCD-S830 barefoot and with its Sangean CST-818 along with a 20 meters long-wire in Pierrefonds-Roxboro (Montreal's West Island), Quebec, Canada, Oct 25, LatinMWDX yg via DXLD) It's called desensitization

\*\* CANADA. Problemas con CHHA-1610 --- On Sunday evening as I was driving to meet Jim Renfrew and Saul Chernos for the pre-Cappahayden DXpedition departure dinner I noticed that local CHHA was throwing a nasty spur onto both 1560 and 1660 (50 kHz on either side of 1610). (For a moment there I was fooled and wondered why WQEW was in Spanish) This morning I noticed that CHHA was off the air. I was able to hear Radio Disney on 1560 on the car radio around 11:45 a.m. Haven't had a chance to see if they are back and if the problem is fixed (Niel

Wolfish in Toronto, Oct 25, IRCA via DXLD)

Sounds like they had a failure of the PDM filter in the transmitter but the spur is usually 60 kilohertz (Powell E Way III, W40PW, NRC-AM via DXLD)

\*\* COLOMBIA. 6034.9, 10/25/07. HJOY, La Voz de[1] Guaviare, in Spanish from tune in 1125 until tune out 1216. ID at 1206. OMs and YL in banter, jingles, music. Fair signal; QRM until 1159, then clear (Jim Ducharme, Puerto Rico, Satellit 700, Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Wonder if you can get some of these 49 or even 60m S. Americans in daytime? Or I should say all day, mid-day since 1216 is already daytime in PR (Glenn, ibid.)

I checked back at 1305 and Guaviare was lost in the noise. Sunrise here is about 1020. I will begin to monitor 49 and 60 m to see when fade out is happening here (Jim Ducharme, ibid.)

\*\* COSTA RICA. Re 7-128: REE 17850 spurs, nothing detectable on 18105v or 17595v, on Oct 24 or 25, apparently cured (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CROATIA [non]. V. of Croatia via Germany, B-07: 7285 2300-0400 55,59 240 216 WER 100 HRT SoAM 7285 0000-0400 17 300 217 WER 100 HRT NoAM East 7285 0200-0600 17 320 216 NAU 125 HRT NoAM West 9470 0500-0759 55,59 240 216 WER 100 HRT New Zealand 11690 0600-1000 58,59 270 217 WER 125 HRT Australia (DTK T-Systems Juelich, Oct 19, via wwdxc http://www.wwdxc.de via Wolfgang B schel, DXLD) So at 0000-0200 three transmitters at once from two sites, let us hope all synchronized; 0200-0400 from two different sites (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

{and for yet another winter season, HRT and T-Systems thumb their noses at the Region 2 exclusive hamband. Any hams who want to sacrifice their signals to 'jam' 7285 would be totally justified in doing so. O, I forgot: CIRAF 17 is ICELAND, which is considered part of Europe!! For all the Croatians there! If we are 'lucky', Iceland won't block those signals on the way to NAm. Beyond this, the CIRAF zones and stated target areas don't match up. 55,59 for the 2300 broadcast means all of AUSTRALIA except WA, another way of pretending it isn't really for South America where this is also an exclusive hamband; 58,59 means all of Australia except NT and Qsld, not NZ at all, which is CIRAF 60. Whom do they think they are fooling? Not us; maybe co-conspirators in HFCC? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)}

\*\* CUBA. Nada com'n la emisiûn de este 24/10, a las 1900 UT, de Radio Habana Cuba. La razûn: la respuesta digna de Felipe PÈrez Roque, canciller de la Rep'blica de Cuba, a las agresiones de George W. Bush. Al principio estuvo una locutora con comentarios acerca de la alocuciûn del presidente estadounidense y se ofrecieron varias entrevistas en vivo de personalidades del acontecer polìtico. Captada en los 13760 kHz, con SINPO de 5/4. TambiÈn transmitida por los 5965, 6000, 9550, 11800 y 11875. El fin de la rueda de prensa fue a las 2038. A las 2100 iniciû puntualmente la Revista Iberoamericana. 73s y buen DX (Ad·n Gonz·lez, Catia La Mar, Estado Vargas, VENEZUELA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CUBA. ARRESTAN A PROMOTORES POR POSEER RADIOS DE ONDA CORTA http://www.bitacoracubana.com/desdecuba/portada2.php?id=5686 por Roberto de Jes's Guerra Pèrez, 25 de octubre de 2007

La Habana -- El pasado viernes 19 de octubre, fueron detenidos los Promotores de la Corriente Martiana Ari·n Guerra Pèrez y ;ngel Guerra Anaya, por el supuesto delito de poseer dos radios de onda corta marca Kaito.

El registro del domicilio, sito en el poblado de Cinco Palmas (ubicado a 62 kilûmetros de Manzanillo), municipio Media Luna, Granma, fue llevado a cabo por dos agentes de la policla política, quienes acusaron a los promotores de poseer propaganda subversiva.

Consuelo PÈrez Garcla, dijo vla telefÛnica que ìRafaelî, un agente de la Seguridad del Estado adscrito a la Unidad de la Policla Nacional Revolucionaria de dicho municipio, fue quien dirigiÛ el registro que concluyÛ con el arresto de los activistas.

Consuelo indicÛ tambiÈn que el agente Rafael le informÛ que la mencionada detenciÛn habÌa sido ordenada por el Capit·n ¡guila, agente de la Seguridad del Estado de la SecciÛn 21 de Villa Marista, quien posee el n'mero de telÈfono (07) 260 12 25.

Pasadas las 24 horas del arresto y luego de ser sometidos a fuertes interrogatorios por parte del mencionado agente y el decomiso de los radios, ambos disidentes fueron puestos en libertad (via JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DXLD)

Arrested for possessing Kaito SW radios, severely interrogated, radios disabled, and released. En Contacto, the RHC Spanish DX program frequently greets SWLs inside Cuba, who must be listening to RHC on SW, if they exist. And of course the underlying implication on DXers Unlimited is that listening to SW is a great thing to be encouraged. Is all this just part of Commie disinformation? (Glenn Hauser, DX

#### LISTENING DIGEST)

This also fits in with the story we ran in the Media Network Weblog on 7 June, explaining that RNW has been refused permission to deliver shortwave radios which Cuban listeners won as prizes in a contest run jointly with RCI. But the response from Cuba also taught us that we have a lot of listeners to our Spanish service there (Andy Sennitt, Radio Netherlands Worldwide,

 $\verb|http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/cuban-government-prevents-distribution-of-radios-by-rnw|$ 

dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* DEUTSCHES REICH. A play has been written about the life of Mildred Gillars, otherwise known as 'Axis Sally'. Gillars, an American citizen from Portland, Maine, became notorious during World War 11 for her Nazi propaganda broadcasts. She always maintained that she was 'A one hundred per cent American girl' at heart. However a post-war court disagreed and she, deservedly, spent the next twelve years of her life in jail. Details from http://www.axissally.com/ (Roger Tidy, UK, Oct 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* DIEGO GARCIA. [52nd US state behind 51st ISRAEL? wb]
GUANT; NAMO'S GHOSTS THE SHAME OF DIEGO GARCIA --- By ANDY WORTHINGTON

One of the more sordid and long-running stories in Anglo-American colonial history that of Diego Garcia, the chief island of the Chagos Archipelago in the Indian Ocean reared its ugly head again on Friday when the UK's all-party foreign affairs committee announced plans to investigate long- standing allegations that the CIA has, since 2002, held and interrogated al-Qaeda suspects at a secret prison on the island. . . http://www.counterpunch.org/worthington10202007.html (via DXplorer via BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD)

\*\* EASTER ISLAND. Following on from Martin's reception of New Zealand [q.v.] on 1080 kHz, here is a report from Vincent Lecler in France of the reception of an Non Directional Beacon (NDB) on Easter Island on 280 kHz. Not quite as far as NZ but the frequency makes some difference (Tracey Gardner, Oct 26, MWC via DXLD) Viz.:

Hi All, Just before leaving the house this morning, I spent few minutes in the shack and an incredible DX arrived in my ears: 280- IPA Rapa Nui, Easter Island, PAQ 26/10/2007 at 0551 UT DX : 13614 km

I enclosed an audio file where you can hear 282-NSR and 280-IPA. The range of the record was 200 Hz. Due a little panic, I didnít record with the 8 Hz bandwidth where it would be better of course. I was very exciting all the day as you can imagine. 73 de (Vincent Lecler,

France, via Gardner, ibid.)

- \*\* ERITREA [non]. From DTK B-07: 5=Thursday
  9820 1700-1759 47E,48 140 216 5 JUL 100 ELF Eritrea
  (DTK T-Systems Juelich, Oct 19, via wwdxc http://www.wwdxc.de via
  Wolfgang B\_schel, DXLD)
- \*\* ETHIOPIA [non]. From B-07 DTK: 1=Sunday, etc.
  9485 1700-1759 38E,39S 150 216 1 34567 NAU 250 SB0 Ethiopia
  SB0 = Sagalee Bilisummaa Oromoo
  9820 1630-1659 38E,39S 140 216 3 6 JUL 100 RHU Ethiopia/Ogaden
  9620 1900-1959 38E,39S 140 216 1 4 6 JUL 100 EFD Ethiopia
  (DTK T-Systems Juelich, Oct 19, via wwdxc http://www.wwdxc.de via
  Wolfgang B\_schel, DXLD) RHU and EFD not explained! Let`s see, RHU
  would be R. Horiyo = Xoriyu. Note that 9820 will be right next to
  Miraya FM for Sudan, if it gets its planned sked in whack (gh, DXLD)
- \*\* ETHIOPIA [non]. RUSSIA, 9445 via Samara, 250 kW, 188 degrees in B-07. Radio of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in Exile on http://www.eotcholysynod.org/ says will move to 9445 kHz (ex 11720) on Oct 28 (Finn Krone, Denmark, Oct 23, wwdxc BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD)
- \*\* ETHIOPIA [non]. Unidentified: 15645 kHz, 1500 UT. I was able to capture 45 seconds of talk without jamming. Jamming started at 1501 UT. You can hear a man talking before the jamming starts. I uploaded the audio file into the DXLD files folder and also uploaded a file here: http://media.putfile.com/15645-Khz-1500-UTC (Jeff, Muncie, IN, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Jeff, Tnx for the clip. Meanwhile in DXLD 7-127 and 7-128 this has been identified as: Tensae Ethiopia Voice of Unity, in Amharic (via Russia) (Glenn, ibid.)
- \*\* GALAPAGOS. Not much broadcast DX possible from here, so I was satisfied to hear HC8N on the Oct 25 ten-meter opening, at 2047 on 28515-USB working North American hams. Not much info via QRZ.com page. BTW, The Ecuatorians, or at least the Voice of the Andeans, refer to this as ``Our Columbus Archipelago`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- Glenn, HC8N is on Isla San Crist $\hat{U}$ bal, Gal·pagos Is. I worked them last year on 15 meters. Most likely they're gearing up for this weekend's CQWW Contest (Terry Palmersheim, KC7LDP, Helena, MT, HCDX via DXLD)
- \*\* GERMANY. Quite interesting that the transmission of Christian Science Sundays 1000-1059 on 6055 is actually meant for Hungary, since it's in German, unless something has changed or will change (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST) :Re DTK B07 schedule:
- 5930 1000-1400 2,3,4,5 218 216 23456 291007 021107 NAU 200 RNW

1000-1400 on 5930 is digital, cf.

http://pdis.rnw.nl/werkman/drmschedule.php

Note that this is not the ex-RBI antenna (DuS, numbered as 50\*) but ALLISS unit #1, thus not the S4001 transmitter moved from Juelich but instead one of the S4105 units from 1997, the last generation of Telefunken shortwave transmitters of which to my knowledge only one further piece had been delivered to Norway (Sveio) until Telefunken dropped the production of shortwave equipment. Thus the 200 kW power level listed in the TSIMB schedule is indeed possible, equivalent to the 40 kW from the S4001 units. Acc. the RNW schedule 5930 is already on air, and indeed at 1200 check there was DRM racket on 5930. Some conference, requiring big showcases, must take place at present (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nog een tip: Deze week doen wij 4 uur extra DRM vanuit Nauen, Duitsland op 5930 kHz van 0900-1300 UT speciaal bestemd voor de World Radio Conference in Geneve. Taal is Engels in de periode van 21 t/m 26 october. In dieser Woche, vom 21. bis 26. Oktober wird 4 Stunden extra DRM in Englisch aus Nauen auf 5930 kHz von 0900-1300 UT gesendet, waehrend der WRC 2007 Konferenz in Genf/Geneve. (Gerard Koopal-HOL, w[w?]dxc Oct 22, BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD) DRM 5930 1000-1400 UT Mon-Fri Oct 22-26 (Bschel, ibid.) Well, the dates above for this are also 29 Oct to 2 Nov, once B-07 be underway (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

\*\* HAITI. Obstacles to UN's radio MINUSTAH: see SUDAN [non]

\*\* INDIA. Dear Friends, The B-07 schedules of All India Radio is available as follows:

- 1. Time Wise: http://www.gsl.net/vu2jos/es/time.htm
- 2. Language Wise: http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos/es/language.htm
- 3. Frequency Wise: http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos/sw/freq.htm (Any updates after B-07 season starts!) 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, dx\_india via DXLD)

Here's the English portion only, GOS except at 1530-1545:

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1000-1100 English 13710(B) 17510(Kh) 17895(A) Australia/NZ (ex 13695) 1000-1100 English 15020(A) 15235(B) 17800(B) NE Asia (ex 15410) 1000-1100 English 1053(T) 7270(Ch) 15260(Ki) 17860(Ki) Sri Lanka 1330-1500 English 9690(B) 11620(Kh) 13710(B) E SE Asia 1530-1545 English 7255(A) 9820(P) 9910(Kh) SAARC countries 1745-1945 English 11935(M) 15075(Kh) 17670(Kh) E. Africa 1745-1945 English 7410(Kh) 9950(Kh) 11620(B) UK & W. Europe 1745-1945 English 9445(B) 13605(B) 15155(A) W. NW Africa 2045-2230 English 9910(A) 11620(B) 11715(P) Australia, NZ 2045-2230 English 9705(P) 11620(Kh) 13605(B) E & SE Asia
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Some frequencies are used by Home Services at other times. Transmitter Sites used for External Services [not all for English] No. Code Location kW kHz

- A Aligarh 4 x 250 SW
- B Bengaluru (Bangalore) 6 x 500 SW
- C Chinsurah (Kolkata / Calcutta) 1 x 500 594 1134
- Ch Chennai (Madras) 1 x 100 7270 7360
- G Gorakhpur 1 x 50 3945 7250
- Gu Guwahati 1 x 50 7420
- J Jalandhar 1 x 300 702
- Kh Khampur (Delhi) 7 x 250 SW
- Ki Kingsway (Delhi) 3 x 50, 2 x 100 SW
- M Mumbai (Bombay) 1 x 100 7195 11935
- P Panaji 2 x 250 SW
- T Tuticorin 1 x 200 1053

Prepared by Jose Jacob, India. Email: vu2jos@gmail. com (via Dan Sampson, ptsw via DXLD)

- \*\* INDONESIA. Dear OM, RRI Sorong: I can receive the morning service on 9743 kHz from Oct. 23 at 2100(Approx.)-2200+ UT. Local News at 2130, Jakarta News at 2200. I cannot receive used 4875 kHz on Oct. 23 and 24. de A. Ishida (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, Oct 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- \*\* IRAN [and non]. Re 7-128, 1035 kHz: The main programme of IRIB which is now called Radio Iran, was called Sarasarye until 1 or 2 years ago (You¥11 find it in older WRTH editions). 73, (Patrick Robic, Austria, Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- Re 'Sarasarye': This is the old name for the IRIB (domestic) First Programme. This was dropped in or around September 2006, when the network began to identify as 'Radio Iran'. Both old and new identification announcements can be heard on the Iran page of the Interval Signals Online website http://www.intervalsignals.net This page also includes identification announcements for other IRIB domestic and external services. Regards (Dave Kernick, Interval Signals Online, ibid.)

I asked Al for a sound clip. I hear an Arabic station in addition to Iran, but it doesn't sound being in parallel with Jordan frequencies and I haven't yet found a parallel. I have Estonia too strong on the frequency. BTW, Sarasarye network changed its name to Radio Iran in late 2006. I hear R. Iran on 1035 kHz, not Payam. Maybe "Inja Yazd ast, Radio Iran" has been misheard? 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ABDX via DXLD)

[Later:] Got the Arab now that the conditions turned auroral; it's

Saudi 2nd px on a new frequency. 73, Mauno. [Later2:] My memory failed: actually I now notice that it has been logged here already last winter, also by me ... 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, 1912 & 1958 UT Oct 25, ABDX via DXLD)

So if it was really Arabic, more likely Al had Sa`udi than Iran. Strange that EMWG still doesn`t have any Saudi on 1035, if it has been there since last winter. I thought it was kept right up-to-date (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ISRAEL. Dear All, This might be the last schedule for Israel. IBA had asked us to close down the service at 31.12.2007. If no change the SW will be closed. Sorry. Many Thank all (Moshe Oren, BEZEQ, Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here's the sked, converted to UT, reorganized by gh, clutter removed:

KOL-ISRAEL" Short-Wave Programme Schedule - From 28 October 2007 to 31 December 2007

#### Hebrew 0500-0600 N America/W Europe 7545 0600-0800 N America/W Europe 11590 0800-1030 N America/W Europe 15760 1130-1500 N America/W Europe 15760 1625-1730 N America/W Europe 13630 1600-1625 N America/W Europe 15760 Fri/Sat [instead of Persian] 1900-2000 N America/W Europe 7545 "Mabat-TV" 2000-0430 N America/W Europe 7545 2100-2215 South America 13855 English 0430-0445 N America/W. Europe 9345 6280 @ N America/W. Europe 7545 C America/Australia 17600 French 0445-0500 N America/W Europe 9345 6280 @ N America/W Europe 7545 English 1030-1045 N America/W Europe 15760 N America/W Europe 13855 Mugrabian [probably Berber or Tachelhit. 73/Liz Cameron] 1045-1100 N America/W Europe 15760 N America/W Europe 13855 French 1100-1115 N America/W Europe 15760 N America/W Europe 13855 Persian (Fri & Sat -1600)

1500-1625	Iran N America/W Iran	Europe	9985 13630 7420	13850 9390 11605	@@ @ @@		
Romanian							
1730-1745		_	6985				
	N America/W	Europe	7545				
	Romania		9345				
	o longer day			ons?]			
1745-1800	S America/S		6985				
	N America/W	•	7545				
	N America/W	Europe	9345				
French							
1800-1815	N America/W		6985				
	N America/W	•	7545				
	N America/W	Europe	9345				
Spanish							
1815-1830	S America/S		6985				
	N America/W	Europe	7545				
	N America/W	Europe	9345				
English							
1830-1845	N America/W	Europe	6985				
	N America/W	Europe	7545				
	South Africa	a	15640				
	N America/W	Europe	9345				
Yiddish							
1845-1900	N America/W	Europe	6985				
	N America/W	Europe	7545				
	C America/S	Europe	9345				
Amharian [Amharic]							
1900-1935	N America/W	Europe	6985				
	N Africa		9345				
Tigris [Tigrinya]							
	N America/W	Europe	6985				
	N Africa	'	9345				
Hungarian							
_	S America/S	Africa	6985				
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Alternative frequencies when reception conditions require change (@@) Valid from 15.12.07 - 28.2.08 (@)

Israel Local Time = UTC +3 [sic! It`s +2 in winter!]

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The Israel Radio schedule has been posted on israelradio.org at: http://israelradio.org/sw.htm It's not on the IBA's website yet. (Doni Rosenzweig, Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Israel Radio / satellite --- Two things:

- A) http://israelradio.org/sw.htm (which has the new shortwave schedule) it mentions that Persian ONLY is broadcast on: Eutelsat Hotbird 7 at 13 East (digital)
  12.597GHz horizontal DVB SR=27500 FEC=3/4 channel GBTS1
- B) On the the IBA's website, they posted today, that IBA channel 1 and 33 will be changing frequencies on Amos, as of November 11, 2007. (I would guess that the radio stations would move with it, but I haven't confirmed that yet they didn't mention the radio stations in the previous posting either.)

http://www.iba.org.il/reception/index.asp?
classto=TedarimKlali&type=hodaot&entity\_code=235562

Israel Broadcasting Authority announces to the public that television Channels One and 33 will broadcast on digital Amos satellite from 11 November 2007.

Here are the details on receiving the programs: 4 degrees W; Vertical, 11,127 Megahertz; fine tuned (FEC) 3/4, and 8,518 kSps (Symbol Rate).

For further explanations and information, it is possible to FAX (02)5003107.

Viewers using private satellite dishes are asked to do the following: Owners of digital converters should scan and then set the station in the memory. Owners of analog sets should change to digital converters.

The above changes will not affect those who subscribe to cable and satellite companies or are connected to a VHF or UHF private or central antenna.

The "old" details, from a few months ago, were:
"Here are the particulars on receiving the programs: 4 degrees W;
Vertical, 11,633.25 Megahertz; fine tuned (FEC) 3/4, and 8,518.5 kSps (Symbol Rate)."

The new shortwave schedule hasn't been posted on the IBA's website yet (Doni Rosenzweig, Oct 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. KOREA D.P.R., 15245.05, Voice of Korea produces again spur signals 60 kHz away symmetrically, as happened in 2006 year also. Noted at 0705 UT with Russian service in progress, S=6 signals on 15185.13 and 15304.90, but wandering downwards. 0700-0900 Russian, 0900-1000 UT Korean. At same time strong signals from FE and China, i.e. NHK Yamata 15195 S=8-9 signal (Wolfgang B\_schel, Oct 20, BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD)

\*\* KURDISTAN [non?]. The two communist stations from Oct 5th are one hour earlier on the air, on stable 3881 and stable 4336 kHz and no vary: 1428-1526 and 1627-1738 UT on Oct 20th. Please note the Iranian jammers some times are on the air still 30 minutes after end of programs (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Oct 23, wwdxc BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD) If DST went off, you'd think they would be one UT hour later (gh, DXLD)

\*\* LATVIA. 9290 kHz relays this weekend Sat October 27th Latvia Today 0800-0900 UT Sun October 28th Latvia Today 1500-1600 UT Good listening (Tom Taylor, Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

- \*\* MICRONESIA. 4755.25, PMA, 1138-1400 Oct 19. Sermon to about 1150, then mostly music afterward with occasional "88.5 Cross Radio" ID's and occasional periods of dead air i.e. pretty much the same format as they were running last week. Usual poor signal with an occasional fair peak. Not heard on Oct 20 & 21 (John Wilkins, CO, DXplorer Oct 21 via BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD)
- \*\* MOROCCO. The Moroccan twins, both wailing and drumming but with that kind of programming I couldn't decide whether they were synchronized, on 15340 and 15345 at 1332 Oct 26. Per Aoki and Eibi, at this hour it's supposed to be Tangier-Briech on 15335 and Nador on 15340, with 15345 not starting until 1500, so something has changed; not listed by HFCC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- \*\* NETHERLANDS [non]. Hello from Hilversum, We're just a few days away from the start of our winter programme schedule, so things have been extra busy here behind the scenes. Several new programmes are starting on our English service. Our Web editor Theo Tamis tells me that details should be on our website by the weekend, so check the dropdown box "Radio Programmes" on the right hand side of the Home Page of our website http://www.radionetherlands.nl (Andy Sennitt, RNW, Oct 25, Media Network newsletter via DXLD) RNW DRM via GERMANY: q.v.

\*\* NEW ZEALAND. New Zealand Heard in Clashmore! I asked Andrew Brade to check my 1080 UNID yesterday, because what I heard didn't make sense to me, and he writes:

"1080 is Newstalk ZB. The ID is at 46s. It's pretty obvious really. Nothing spurious about it at all. Perhaps the op you've had has got to your ears. The talk relates to a recent rugby match. The antagonists mentioned are Gary Kemble, Andrew Chalmers and Adrian Morley".

# The log now becomes:

1080, Newstalk ZB, Auckland, New Zealand; report iGary Kemble has joined his boss Andrew Chalmers in condemning Ö decision not to cite Adrian Morley for a dangerous Ö Morley has been cleared Ö Morley is now free to play for Great Britain in Sundayís Ö in Huddersfieldî, then iNewstalk ZB weather watch 24/7î, wx; tnx AB for picking out the ID; UK FIRST; clip at

http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/clashmoreradio/audio/1080\_ZBAukland\_1004-240ct07.mp3 Fpk 1004 24/10 mah

When I listened to the clip again, it IS obvious - but the furthest from my mind when listening initially. Andrew pointed me to the Newstalk ZB website

http://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/newsdetail1.asp?storyID=126326 where there is an article with the following (in case it's gone by the time you check):

Kiwis coach adds anger over Morley verdict 24/10/2007 14:08:02

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73s (Martin A. Hall, Clashmore, Scotland. NRD-545, RPA-1 preamp, MFJ-1026 phaser (modified), beverages: 513m at 233 degrees, terminated; 475m at 262 degrees, terminated; 506m at 279 degrees, terminated; 550m at 338 degrees, terminated; 50m at 321 degrees, unterminated. http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/clashmoreradio/ Oct 25, MWC via DXLD)

Andrew sent me his account of the process by which he came up with the ID on my Newstalk ZB clip:

"When I listened through it, my first impressions were that it was not USA or Canada, and if anything it sounded antipodal. I heard the ID, something weather forecast, but despite listening several times at various speeds I couldnít work it out. I thought at first that what I later discovered was iZBî might have been the end of the word iUniversityî. Earlier in the clip Iíd also noted some names mentioned in a sporting context. I gave up on the ID part in favour of tackling the names to see if they would yield any clue. The first name I heard

was iGary Kimbleî, but this didnít tell anything. I heard a mention of ihigh tackleî, so thought that it was likely to be related to rugby. I then worked out the other names (Andrew Chalmers and Adrian Wilson).

This led, via an internet search, to New Zealand vs England and controversy about the lack of a suspension being handed down to the British player. The subject matter indicated that the station might originate in a Commonwealth country (we can forget France!); the accent indicated the Antipodes, the fact that they mentioned the NZ personnel without reference to their own country but did mention Great Britain all pointed towards this being from NZ (or possibly from Australia). I picked up the WRTH and looked at NZ and 1080, found the name iNewstalk ZBî. I listened to the ID again and all the earlier fog was immediately lifted! I think that one can hear the word iAucklandî at the start of the weather itself. The last part of the puzzle was solved when I realised that the Kiwi pronunciation of iKembleî sounds like iKimbleî, so the third name was Gary Kemble. I entered the three rugby-related names into Google and the solution was completed with a NewstalkZB article on the sporting controversy mentioning the three names. Finally I sent you a rather bland e-mail with just enough information to allow you a little of your own detective work before the truth dawned. So there you are". Congratulations! 73 Andrew Brade (via Martin Hall, ibid.)

Amazing, Martin. Congratulations! Is that a UK First for the country as well as the station? [almost; someone heard NZ back in the 30s/40s]

Which one of your beverages were you using? Whichever, it probably means the signal didn't arrive by the most direct path so maybe there's even more that could be achieved. Looks like you'll need to set up some new antennas. If NZ is possible, then why not Fiji, Tonga, etc.

I'll have to see if Speclab sees any Down Under carriers on X-band. It's some time since I looked for those. Yesterday morning was definitely odd. I was still hearing TAs at 0830 UT, almost two hours after local sunrise, which is very unusual down here. This season is definitely starting out a lot better than 2006/7. Let's hope it lasts. Regards, (Jack Weber, England?, ibid.)

Martin, Absolutely mind blowing. That is sensational. I couldn't get 1080 ZB in Melbourne. Yeah, it's a real decent Kiwi accent with the Fush n Chups (Dave Onley - Pijnacker - South Holland, Mediumwave - Tropical Band and FM Dxer since 1976, ibid.)

Thanks Jack, and all the others who have commented. I am amazed, also! I was actually checking for KUDO at the time, so this was really a chance logging - I never expected NZ. I'll be checking the 9 kHz

channels from now on. It was a big surprise to me to hear it so well. I believe this is a first logging of NZ in the UK.

Reception was on the 338 degree (Alaskan) beverage (see Clashmore location map and antenna spreadsheet details on my website). NZ is due north from here, not far east of the bearing for Alaska. I've placed a map on my website at:

http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/clashmoreradio/images/Path\_Clashmore-Auckland.jpg
73s (Martin A Hall, Clashmore, Scotland, ibid.)

Congratulations! I haven't heard any NZ here in eastern Finland and I think in Finland they have been heard only in Lapland. BTW, here the difference in beam is very interesting. Please check eastern Finland vs. Scotland on DX Atlas or similar. You have it at 0, but to me it comes from 60! 73 (Mauno Ritola, Joensuu, Finland, ibid.)

\*\* PAKISTAN. Re 7-128: 0400-0430 UT 9530 kHz, Target Area of Radio Pakistan Gujrati Service

Hi Glenn, It has been intimated by Noel Green that the target area of Gujrati Service is no more East and South East Africa according to printed frequency schedule provided by Radio Pakistan. Now it is beamed towards South Asia and the azimuth is of 147 degrees.

In this context I would like to inform that the frequency schedule on the Radio Pakistan website is still showing the target area for Gujrati as East and South Africa. I have been noting this anomaly since last two years.

Two years back on Radio Pakistan website the target area for Gujrati was changed and shown as South Asia but this year it is again being shown as East and South East Africa. I do not know why do they create such mess-up.

Around four years back Gujrati Service was heard clearly in Lahore and a lot of listeners' mail from East Africa was read in the program. Now when I have been monitoring Gujrati Service from last few months in Lahore I have not heard any mail from Indian state of Gujrat or East Africa which could confirm its reception there. Perhaps transmitter(API-3) problems do not allow the transmission now to reach India and what to talk of East Africa now.

Well, if it is now beamed for South Asia, both the time and the frequency are inappropriate for the target area (i.e. 9.30 am in India). 31 meterband is not suitable for late morning broadcasts in South Asia (Aslam Javaid, Lahore, Pakistan, Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

# \*\* PAKISTAN. PAKISTAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION. HF BROADCAST SCHEDULE B07 Eff From 28th October, 2007 to 30th March, 2008 Lang Freq Band Hours(UTC) Target Area Far East Chinese 9380 32 1200-1230 41,42,43,44,45 Chinese 11570 26 1200-1230 41,42,43,44,45 South East Asia Urdu 11580 26 0045-0215 41,44,45,49,50,51,54,55,59 Urdu 15485 19 0045-0215 41,44,45,49,50,51,54,55,59

# South Asia Assami 74

Assami 7445 40 0045-0115 41

Bangla-1 7445 40 0115-0200 41

Bangla-2 7445 40 1200-1245 41

Nepali 7445 40 1245-1315 41

Hindi-1 7445 40 0215-0300 41

Hindi-2 7445 40 1100-1145 41

Gujrati 9350 32 0400-0430 41

Tamil-1 15620 19 0315-0345 41

Tamil-2 15620 19 0945-1015 41

Sinhali 15620 19 1015-1045 41

# Middle East, Iran, Africa

Turkish 6240 48 1630-1700 38,39
Irani 5050 59 1715-1800 40
Arabic 6280 48 1815-1900 37-39
Urdu 11570 26 0500-0700 40
Urdu 15100 20 0500-0700 38,39,46,47
Urdu 11570 26 1330-1530 37-39
Urdu 7520 40 1330-1530 38,39,46,47
English 6240 48 1600-1615 37-39
English 7520 40 1600-1615 38,39,46,47
Urdu 4835 62 1915-0045 40

# East/South East Africa

English 11570 26 1600-1615 48s,52,53,57

# West Europe

English 15100 19 0730-0830 17,18SE,27-29 English 17835 17 0730-0830 17,18SE,27-29 Urdu 15100 19 0830-1104 17,18SE,27-29 Urdu 17835 17 0830-1104 17,18SE,27-29 Urdu 7530 40 1700-1900 17,18SE,27-29 Urdu 9380 32 1700-1900 17,18SE,27-29

CIS & Russia

Turki 5050 59 1330-1400 39NE,40

Dari 5050 59 1515-1545 39NE,40

Russian 9395 32 1415-1445 29,30E

Pushto 6235 48 0500-0545 39E,40 (Iftikhar Hussain Malik, Engineering Manager, Frequency Management Cell, PBC, 303 Peshwar Road, Rawalpindi, Oct 24, via BC-DX via DXLD)

\*\* PAKISTAN. News in English about the terrorist attack 1600-1613 UT Oct 20 on 11570, 9380, 5080, 4790 kHz but the clearest sound was on 5080 kHz; checking 5080 at 1638 UT they also speaking on the assassination (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Oct 23, wwdxc BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD)

\*\* PERU. 5939.30, Radio Melodìa, 2335-2359 Oct 25 with the usual commentary and features, noted two males in conversation. Mentions of "Lima" and "Per'" heard. Signal stays in until about 2356 at fair level, but starts to fade beyond that time. Also heard with a good signal the following morning Oct 26 at 0855-0915 with same format of Spanish comments and news by male. Heard live ID as, "Radio Melodìa" during comments. Condition of the signal in at this time was good! (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston, Florida, NRD545, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PERU. 4965.8, Radio Santa Ana verified with a full data personal letter from v/s Nicolas Cordova Orozco, Gerente Propietario in 629 days for a Spanish postal report and US\$1.00 return postage. Also included was an oversized station pennant, a Certificado de Excelencia signed by Nicol·s Cordova Orozco and a photo of their telecom satellite dish (also signed by Nicol·s Cordova Orozco). Nicol·s is married to Marleny with two children, Nicol·s and Jhon [sic]. This is a second reply having received an initial reply back in January 2006! The first reply signed/stamped my prepared card (Rich D'Angelo, PA, DXplorer Oct 21 via BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD)

\*\* POLAND [non]. French sites will be used for Polskie Radio like in B06, Fontbonne 1630-1700 on 7105 (German), Issoudun 1800-1900 on 7130 (English), MontsinÈry 2030-2100 on 9640 and 11940 (German) plus 2200-2300 on 9660 (Polish). Best regards, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

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7285 1130-1200 28NE,29 100 156 NAU 100 PRW Belarus/Ukraine
9445 1130-1200 27 300 217 WER 100 PRW Engl. London
15520 1200-1230 29 60 217 WER 100 PRW Russ. Moscow
13840 1200-1230 29S 90 217 WER 100 PRW Russ. Rostow
5975 1230-1300 28NE 40 805 WER 100 PRW Germany Berlin
5965 1230-1300 28NE ND 926 WER 100 PRW Germany Munich
9450 1300-1400 27 300 216 WER 100 PRW Engl. London
5975 1300-1400 18 360 156 NAU 100 PRW Scandin. Stockholm
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11840 1400-1430 29
                         60 217 WER 100 PRW Russ. Moscow
11675 1400-1430 30N,31W 60 217 WER 250 PRW Russ. Omsk
 7180 1430-1529 28NE,29 70 212 JUL 100 PRW Belarus/Minsk
6035 1430-1529 28NE,29 60 216 JUL 100 PRW Belarus/Minsk
7335 1530-1559 29N
                         50 212 JUL 100 PRW Russ. St. Petersburg
 6000 1530-1600 29S
                         75 216 JUL 100 PRW Ukraine Kiev
                         75 146 WER 100 PRW Ukraine Donetsk
9440 1600-1630 29S
 7170 1600-1630 29S
                         75 208 WER 100 PRW Ukraine Kiev
 7105 1630-1700 28NW
                         10 140 MC
                                    100 PRW Germany Berlin
 6140 1630-1800 28NE,29 55 201 WER 100 PRW Lith/Belarus/Ukraine
                        300 206 WER 100 PRW Engl. London
 6015 1800-1900 27
 7130 1800-1900 18
                         25 216 ISS 250 PRW Scandin. Stockholm
 5935 1900-1929 295,30
                         75 216 WER 100 PRW Russ. Rostow, Kasachstan
 9760 1900-1930 38E,39 120 216 WER 100 PRW Israel
 5935 1930-2030 29S
                         75 201 WER 100 PRW Ukraine Kiev
 5850 1930-1959 29$
                         85 206 JUL 100 PRW Ukraine Donetsk
 6135 2000-2030 29N
                         45 147 WER 100 PRW Russ. St. Petersburg
                         35 216 GUF 250 PRW Germany Berlin
 9640 2030-2100 28NW
11940 2030-2100 28NW
                         40 216 GUF 250 PRW Germany Munich
 9660 2200-2300 27S
                         40 216 GUF 250 PRW France Paris
6050 2200-2300 28NE,29 55 201 WER 250 PRW Lith/Belarus/Ukraine
(DTK T-Systems Juelich, Oct 19, via wwdxc http://www.wwdxc.de via
Wolfgang B schel, DXLD)
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\*\* PORTUGAL. A month ago I remarked that Oct is the annual peak for 13 mb reception, but that certainly has not panned out this year with sunspots zero and solar flux minimum. Nevertheless, I occasionally patrol the band in case something beyond NAm make it through. And so it did, besides WYFR on 21455, 21525, Oct 25 at 1938, good signal from RDPI on 21655 in silly ballgame. 1942 made it // 15560 which had a huge SAH of 4 Hz, as if a second transmitter at the same site were inadvertently turned on the same (almost) frequency. But only one audio source. However, these `SAH` fades also put out pulses audible out to plus/minus 20 kHz from 15560, so maybe it was really one transmitter malfunxioning. By 1952 the signal on 15560 had recovered when the important SBG coverage was interrupted for a pending QSY announcement, 21655 to 15295 in ten minutes for Cabo Verde. A brief check of 15560 at 2001 found some other noise on the transmission. At 2030, 15295 was also coming in. When may we hear 21655 in B-07? Per full tentative sked via Carlos GonÁalves in DXLD 7-125, 13 m usage is: 0800 ñ 1500 ....ss Af 21830 1100 ñ 1300 mtwtf.. B/Af 21655 1100 ñ 1700 ....ss B/Af 21655

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PORTUGAL. X FEIRA DA R;DIO DA A.R.V.M. com a RDPi ñ R·dio Portugal em Onda Curta. ... j. no dia 4 de Novembro (Domingo), que para todos os que n"o poderem estar presentes, a RDPi, estar· em emiss"o directa a

partir da Feira da R $\cdot$ dio da ARVM em Lisboa, entre as 9 e as 13 horas (UTC).

Informamos todos os visitantes que neste momento praticamente foi atingido o limite previsto de Expositores Nacionais e Internacionais, quer no que se refere aos principais Representantes das Marcas, do Comèrcio especializado e assim como aos Expositores Radioamadores.

N"o falte a um dos maiores certames do Radioamadorismo da PenÌnsula IbÈrica em Lisboa. + INFO: http://www.arvm.org/index\_fr2007.html

arvm @ arvm.org A.R.V.M. (via Jo"o GonÁalves Costa, Portugal, DXClubePR yg via DXLD) WTFK? See B07 sked recently published

\*\* PORTUGAL. FYI: This is different from the information that came from them via snail-mail: That letter says send to isabelsaraiva@rdp.pt! Regards ñ (Dave Askine, Pasadena TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Outdated. The website changed from rdp.pt to rtp.pt so all the e-mail addresses also had to change, as mentioned a few times before in DXLD (gh)

Dear Mr. David J. Askine, We want to thank you for your valuable reception report on our transmission on 9.715 MHz. In future contacts please send all the technical information to gabinete.technologias @ rtp.pt

Thanks again for your kind co-operation. Best regards, Teresa Beatriz Abreu Chefe do Gabinete de Tecnologias de Transmiss"o e Difus"o

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e-mail: teresa.abreu @ rtp.pt (via Askine, DXLD)

\*\* RUSSIA [non]. V. of Russia, B-07 via Germany:

6155 0200-0500 8,9,27 300 216 WER 250 VOR NoAM [English] 6175 2300-2400 39,40 105 216 WER 100 VOR Iraq

13755 1500-1600 38,39 120 217 WER 100 VOR Israel

(DTK T-Systems Juelich, Oct 19, via wwdxc http://www.wwdxc.de via Wolfgang B\_schel, DXLD)

\*\* RUSSIA. Voice of Russia B07 English schedule comes from Kraig Krist via the DXLD Yahoo Group. This is converted from a Word document

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THE VOICE OF RUSSIA WORLD SERVICE OCTOBER 28, 2007 - MARCH 29, 2008
AFRICA
1700-1800 7270
1800-1900 11510, 7335, 7270
1900-2000 11510, 7335
ASIA
0400-0600 17840, 17695, 15735*, 15765, 15530, 15455, 13580, 12090,
           9550
0600-0700 15765, 13580, 9550
0700-0800 13580, 9550
0800-1000 15195, 13660, 13580, 9550, 1251
1500-1600 9660, 7260, 7350, 1251, 972, 630
1600-1700 7260, 7305, 4975, 4965, 972
1700-1800 7235, 7125, 6125, 1269, 1251
1800-1900 7335, 7235, 7125, 6125, 1251
1900-2000 7335
2000-2200 5955
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
0600-0800 17665, 17805
0800-0900 17495, 17665, 17805
0900-1000 17495, 17665
MIDDLE EAST
1600-1700 9470, 4975, 4965, 972
1700-1800 9470, 7270, 1251, 648
1800-1900 1251
EUROPE
0300-0400 603
0400-0500 1548, 603
0500-0600 1575, 1431, 693, 630, 603
0600-0700 1575, 1431, 1323, 693, 630, 603
0700-0800 11635*, 11615* 1575, 1431, 1323, 693, 630, 603
0800-1000 11615* 1575, 1431, 1323, 693, 630, 603
1300-1400 **558 (except Saturday)
1500-1600 5905*
1600-1700 7320, 6130
1700-1800 7320
1800-1900 7320, 7105, 6055 (Sat/Sun.) 6175 (Sat/Sun) 1494 (Sat/Sun)
1900-2000 7290, 7105, 6175
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#### NORTH AMERICA

0200-0300 13735, 12040, 7250, 6240

2000-2100 7330, 7105, 6145 2100-2200 7330, 7290, 6145 0300-0400 13735, 12040, 7350, 6240, 6155 0400-0500 12010, 12030, 12040, 9840, 9855, 7150, 7350, 6155, 6240 0500-0600 12040, 9840, 9855, 7150, 7350

- \*\* SAINT KITTS & NEVIS. Conditions are somewhat auroral tonight, with quite a few LA stations being heard well here. Normally, ZIZ-555 would be among those with good signals, but they are MIA I can't even detect a hint of a carrier on 555. I wonder if they have finally shifted to an even frequency? Their website gives no indication of any changes, and their audio streaming is running fine. VON on 895 is still alive and well, however, with fair audio at times tonight; maybe destined to be the last of the splits in this hemisphere? (Barry McLarnon VE3JF Ottawa, ON, 0325 UT Oct 26, ABDX yg via DXLD) Earlier:

555, ST KITTS AND NEVIS, ZIZ, Basseterre, OCT 14, 0244 - back-to-back soca and calypso music. Fair at best, but very nice reception with overall a minimal amount of fadings and very slight splatter from 550 (mostly YVKE and not much out of the usual CHLN pest) and nothing noticeable out of the weak domestic mess that the 560 kHz channel featured at the time (Bogdan Alexandru Chiochiu, DX'ing with his trusty Sanyo MCD-S830 barefoot and with its Sangean CST-818 along with a 20 meters long-wire in Pierrefonds- Roxboro (Montreal's West Island), Quebec, Canada, Oct 25, LatinMWDX yg via DXLD)

I have gotten them several times within the last few weeks on 555 as usual (Bob Young, Analog, MA  $390/2\ 400'\ LW's/Misek$  phaser, Oct 25, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Like Bob, I've heard them very recently; as recent as last weekend if I recall correctly, completely alone on the 2010 in the narrow setting (Brent Taylor, VY2HF Stratford, PEI FN86, ibid.)

ZIZ alive and well here at Cappahayden, Nfld. We have fared well to Brazil and Argentina. Keep digging ;-) I see Jim has posted our general results and a few I haven't yet read, so I will report back later. Have slept the past few hours - out of sheer necessity (Saul Chernos, ibid.)

Weird. ZIZ is usually one of the most prominent LA signals here, and always stronger than VON-895. The latter was strong enough to produce audio here last night, and yet there was not a trace of ZIZ. Mind you, I only checked over a limited period of time late in the evening, so it's possible that the 555 transmitter had a bit of down time. I'll

check again tonight (Barry McLarnon, VE3JF, Ottawa, ON, ibid.)

ZIZ is not here every night either (Bob Young, Analog, MA 390/2 400' LW'S/Misek phaser, ibid.) I would still look for this one to vanish permanently from 555, following the trend, plus 895 (gh, DXLD)

\*\* SAUDI ARABIA. Very good propagation on 13 m.b. 0800-1200 UT on Oct 21st! And the "Saudi Antenna Effect" was observed again: 1000-1200 21740 with common sound from the programmes on 21705 in Ar and 21670 in Indonesian (no sound on 21740 from the other program in Arabic on 21495).

1200-1300 21680 with mixed speeches from 21505[?wb.] Arabic Main program and 21600 Arabic Holy Qur'an program (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Oct 23, wwdxc BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD)

1000 UT 21740 mix of 21705-1st program and 21670 Indonesian. 1300 UT 21680 rather intermodulation mix of 21600 HQ and 21640-1st program (Wolfgang B schel, ibid.) MW: see IRAN

\*\* SOUTH AFRICA. SENTECH B07 TRANSMISSIONS FROM MEYERTON

Start End Freq	Power Days	Target	Language
Adventist World	Radio		
1700 1800 11915	250 1234567	East Africa	Swahili/Masai
1800 1830 3215	100 1234567	Namibia	English
1800 1830 3345	100 1234567	Zimbabwe	English
1800 1830 11830	250 1234567	East Africa	English
1900 1930 15240	250 1234567	West Africa	Fulfulde
1930 2000 11750	250 1234567	West Africa	Hausa
2000 2030 9655	250 1234567	Cen. Africa	English
2000 2100 11845	250 1234567	West Africa	French/Yoruba
DDO			
BBC			
		West Africa	English
0300 0330 9610	500 1234567	East Africa	Swahili
0300 0600 3255	100 1234567	Southern Afr	English
0300 0600 6190	100 1234567	Southern Afr	English
0400 0500 7120	250 1234567	West Africa	English
0400 0430 15400	250 1234567	East Africa	Swahili
0430 0530 3380	100 12345	S. Moz	Portuguese
0430 0530 6145	250 12345	N. Moz	Portuguese
0430 0530 7205	500 12345	Angola	Portuguese
0500 0700 11765	250 1234567	West Africa	English
0500 0600 17885	250 6	Central Africa	Kirundi
0530 0600 17885	250 7	Central Africa	Kirundi
0600 1600 6190	100 1234567	Southern Afr	English

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0600 1600 11940 100 1234567 Southern Afr
                                               English
0700 0730 17695 500 1234567 Central Africa
                                               French
1430 1600 11820 500 6
                            East Africa
                                               Swahili
1500 1700 17640 500 123457
                            East Africa
                                               Eng/Swahili/Kirundi
                            East Africa
1500 1530 17640 500 6
                                               English
1600 2200 3255
                100 1234567 Southern Afr
                                               English
1600 2200 6190
                100 1234567 Southern Afr
                                               English
1615 1700 17640 500 6
                            East Africa
                                               English
1700 1900 11755 250 1234567 East Africa
                                               English
1745 1800 7230 500 1234567 East Africa
                                               Swahili
1800 1830 7230 250 1234567 Indian Oc. Isles French
1800 1830 11865 100 1234567 Central Africa
                                               French
2030 2100 3380 100 12345
                            S. Moz
                                               Portuguese
2030 2100 6135
                250 12345
                            N. Moz
                                               Portuguese
2030 2100 7260
                500 12345
                            Angola
                                               Portuguese
Channel Africa
0300 0500 3345
               100 1234567 Southern Afr
                                               English
0300 0400 6120 250 1234567 East Africa
                                               Swahili
0300 0400 7390 500 1234567 East Africa
                                               English
0400 0500 7390 500 1234567 Central Africa
                                               French
0500 0700 7230
               100 1234567 Southern Afr
                                               English
0500 0600 9685 500 1234567 West Africa
                                               English
0600 0700 15255 250 1234567 West Africa
                                               English
0700 1600 9625 100 1234567 Southern Afr
                                               English/Nyanja/Lozi
1500 1600 17770 500 1234567 East Africa
                                               English
1500 1600 17860 250 1234567 East Africa
                                               Swahili
1600 1700 15235 500 1234567 West Africa
                                               French
1700 1800 15235 500 1234567 West Africa
                                               English
1900 2200 3345
                100 1234567 Southern Afr
                                               Port/English
China Radio International
               100 1234567 Southern Afr
1500 1900 6100
                                               English/Chinese
Deutsche Welle
1900 1930 11690 100 1234567 East Africa
                                               English
FDC.
                            East Africa
0545 0615 15400 250 123
                                               Unknown
0630 0700 15675 250 135
                            East Africa
                                               Unknown
1205 1235 17660 250 126
                            East Africa
                                               Unknown
1400 1430 15675 250 246
                            East Africa
                                               Unknown [SSIRS EG les]
Family Radio
1600 1700 6000 100 1234567 Mozambique
                                               Portuguese
1600 1700 15260 250 1234567 Angola
                                               Portuguese
1900 2100 3230 100 1234567 Southern Afr
                                               English
1900 2000 9660 250 1234567 East Africa
                                               Swahili
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Feba Radio						
1530 1700 12125 250 1234567 East Africa	Amharic					
1830 1900 7160 100 1234567 Central Africa	French					
Hirondelle Foundation [Radio Okapi]						
0400 0600 9635 100 1234567 Central Africa	·					
1600 1700 11890 100 1234567 West Africa	French/Various					
NHK						
1400 1430 17580 250 1234567 Central Africa	English					
DET						
RFI	Dortuguese					
0600 0700 11830 250 1234567 Angola/W. Afr 0700 0800 15170 250 1234567 West Africa	Portuguese French					
1100 1200 17525 250 1234567 West Allica						
2000 2200 7160 250 1234567 West Africa	French					
2000 2200 /100 250 125450/ West Allica	FIGURE					
RNW						
1900 2000 11805 100 1234567 East Africa	English					
1700 2000 11003 100 1234307 Ed3t Allica	Liigiiiiii					
Radio Sonder Grense						
0000 0500 3320 100 1234567 N. Cape	Afrikaans					
0500 0700 7185 100 1234567 N. Cape	Afrikaans					
0700 1700 9650 100 1234567 N. Cape	Afrikaans					
1700 2400 3320 100 1234567 N. Cape	Afrikaans					
SA Radio League						
0800 0900 7205 100 7 Southern Afr	English					
0800 0900 17570 250 7 East Africa	English					
1900 2000 3215 100 1 Southern Afr	English					
Trans World Radio						
0330 0345 7215 250 1234567 Ethiopia	Amharic					
0600 0645 11640 500 12345 Nigeria	English					
0600 0615 11640 500 67 Nigeria	English					
1557 1627 9675 250 12345 Burundi 1625 1655 9660 500 123457 Somalia	Kirundi Somali					
1630 1800 9930 250 1234 Ethiopia 1645 1800 9930 250 57 Ethiopia	Various Various					
1645 1730 9930 250 6 Ethiopia	Various Various					
1657 1712 9660 500 2345 Sudan	Juba					
1657 1727 9660 500 2345 Sudan	Juba					
1718 1733 7265 250 1346 Mozambique	Yao					
1718 1748 7265 250 257 Mozambique	Yao					
1755 1825 9620 500 1234567 Mali	Pulaar/French					
1830 1945 9510 500 127 West Africa	Various					
1830 1930 9510 500 345 West Africa	Various					
TOTAL TOTAL CONTROL MADE MILITURE						

 1830 2000 9510 500 6
 West Africa
 Various

 1830 1915 9745 500 1234567 Nigeria
 Hausa/Kanuri

 1840 1940 9720 250 123457 West Africa
 Various

Day 1 = Monday, Day 2 = Tuesday etc.

(Via Kathy Otto, SENTECH, Oct 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SPAIN. Re 7-128, B-07 Schedule - REE --- Sorry .. this sked is not from the official REE web site, but from http://telefonica.net/web2/radioescuchadx/reeB07.pdf

Wolfgang Bueschel points out that German was discontinued a while ago, so either this sked is unreliable, or German is being re-instated (Alan Roe, worlddxclub via DXLD)

O shux, here we go again. Same problem at last Wechsel: it seems the German service no longer exists but for bureaucratic reasons they keep putting it on the schedule! And thus damage the credibility of the rest of the info (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SPAIN. Hola Jose Miguel, øSe escucha m·s a Onda Cero en 4394.5? Si no, ødurÛ cu·ntos dias? 73, (Glenn to JosÈ Miguel Romero, via DXLD)

Hola Glenn, ya no se escucha a Onda Cero; la emisiÛn desapareciÛ el lunes pasado, no de esta semana, sino la anterior, apenas 48 horas de emisiÛn, lo que me confirma la sospecha de que se tratÛ de alg'n pescador que querla escuchar el partido de f'tbol de la selecciÛn espaòola, y que por encontrarse fuera de la penlnsula no tendrla posibilidades de escuchar por la radio convencional; cuando regresÛ, apagÛ el equipo y fin de la historia.

Ayer tuve la visita de un amigo, oficial del ejÈrcito espaÒol en la reserva; le preguntÈ por el tema. El ejÈrcito no tuvo que ver con tal emisiÛn; es m·s, me comentÛ que Èl no habla tenido constancia hasta hora de la existencia de las emisiones de radio por onda corta, no sabla que existlan, las conoce a travÈs mla, curioso. TambiÈn me comentÛ, que est· casi seguro que las tropas espaÒolas apostadas en el LÌbano no tienen ni idea de que REE estÈ emitiendo ning n tipo de emisiones de radio para ellos.

Me comentÛ que cuando el ejercito ha preparado alg`n tipo de transmisiones para sus tropas, sobre todo eventos deportivos, sea partidos de f'tbol, mundiales o olimpiadas, han utilizado otros medios para enviar seòales a sus tropas, principalmente seòales de TV por satÈlite. 73 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SRI LANKA [non]. Glenn, My recent listing of reception of IBC Tamil

radio omitted the frequency. This was heard on 7115. Sorry for the omission. 73's (Steve Wood, So. Yarmouth, MA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But shortly moving to 6175: 6175 0000-0100 41 105 216 WER 250 IBC Sri Lanka (DTK via Wolfgang B<sub>s</sub>schel, DXLD)

\*\* SUDAN. NEW "PEACE" RADIO WITH NATIONAL COVERAGE TO BE LAUNCHED IN SUDAN 27 OCTOBER | Excerpt from report by state-owned Sudanese news agency Suna website [as corrected]

Khartoum, 25 October: The National Council for Radio and Television will launch an experimental broadcast of Salam [peace] Radio for the first time on Saturday [27 October]. The radio will be available on FM and 312 [metres medium wave] to cover all parts of the country and spread the culture of peace and remove remnants of war. This was announced by the general manager of the National Council for Radio and Television, Dr Amin Hasan Umar, in a press conference today on this occasion. Dr Amin said Salam Radio will be a first of it kind for the community to participate in building a suitable society that will reflect all the cultures of peace to achieve and support in solving communal problems. [Passage omitted]

Source: Suna news agency website, Khartoum, in Arabic 25 Oct 07 (via BBCM via DXLD) 312 metres = 961.5 kHz using the 300 conversion factor, but presumably means 963 kHz where there is already a 100 kW in Khartoum carrying the General Program, per WRTH 2007 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SUDAN [non]. Re 7-128, Miraya FM: On tuning through 31m at around 1315 (yes 1315) I came across a transmission on 9825 that eventually identified as Miraya FM. The language is unknown but there was a discussion between several male voices in which Sudan was often mentioned. I also heard details of frequencies, and a email address that sounded like >www.mirayafm.org< as well as another not fully recognised. Now - at 1335 - there is a programme of Afro-pops. The signal is a good one and peaking to 9 on my meter with no QRM. 73 (Noel R. Green (NW England), Oct 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I hope this is not like ``Ethiopian time`` where the local clock does not really read UT +3 (Miraya supposed to be 6-9 pm local). At 1437 all I get on 9825 is a very weak carrier. Was it still on then? (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Yes, it's still on air at 1500+ UT and with a news broadcast in English. They announce as "101 Miraya FM" or just "Miraya FM". The programme is mainly in a unidentified language, but has had various English inserts. Time pips came after 1500 (sat delay?) and time given

as 6 PM, so someone knows what the local time is. Perhaps it's a special longer opening day programme?

Where would the studios and FM transmitter be located? Khartoum or further south in Juba? BTW, the email address www.mirayafm.org doesn't work, so I probably misheard it (Noel R. Green, England, ibid.)

See WRTH 2007 p. 362: they are building an FM network around the country. Their main operations are in Juba. There is also a possibility to send email on their web page. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

Good clear signal from Miraya FM on 9825 (via Nexus, Bulgaria) currently (1505 UT 25 Oct) with news in English. Mix of music, promos, interviews in English, Arabic & (presumed) local languages heard since tune-in at 1425. Including mentions of Southern Sudan and government of National Unity. (Thanks to tip from Glenn Hauser in DXLD Oct 24) [Later:] 9825 shortwave outlet of Miraya FM closed at exactly 1600 UT (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+ / longwire, Oct 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mariya FM 9825 dropped off air at 1601 while programmes were still continuing, so obviously an "opt-in" to the FM 101 station. Maybe tomorrow it will be on air at the advertised time instead? As Alan Pennington writes, there was Arabic too - inserts and a more lengthy news(?) after time pips at around 1531. The signal remained at good level throughout (Noel R. Green, ibid.)

9825, Radio Miraya noted here VERY EARLY! On air as early as 1330 UT and went off at 1600 UT. Once given time slot may be wrong. See recording of Oct 25th at 1345-1402 UT. Also program advice given around 1355 UT, when changed suddenly from Arabic into English sentence piece, slot 00:48 to 01:05 min recording. Schedule on SW 1300-1600 UT? (Wolfgang B schel, Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Miraya FM began regular SW service on Oct 25, 9825 scheduled at 1500-1800 via IRRS Bulgaria, but on the first day ran at 1300-1600 instead by mistake, they tell me. All I could get was a weak carrier, but confirmed with good reception in England, by Noel Green, Alan Pennington. Details in DX LISTENING DIGEST 7-128 and 7-129 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At 1507, DRM from Sackville 9795-9800-9805 was so strong, at least S9+25, that it was overloading the FRG-7 on 9825 unless I attenuated or detuned the preselector, something I could ill-afford to do on this weak signal. (Note: I am not suggesting that this DRM was axually transmitting spuriously on 9835.) (Glenn Hauser, OK, Oct 25, DX

#### LISTENING DIGEST)

Solar-terrestrial indices for 24 October follow. Solar flux 68 and mid-latitude A-index 4. The mid-latitude K-index at 1500 UTC on 25 October was 3 (20 nT). No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours. No space weather storms are expected for the next 24 hours (SWPC via DXLD)

Nanci, We have been following with great interest the news of the new shortwave broadcasts of Radio Miraya. Several monitors in Europe heard it October 25 on 9825, but it was on as early as 1315 UT and went off at 1600 UT.

I had assumed that 6-9 pm Sudan time, at three hours ahead of UT, meant the time would be 1500-1800 UT. Has there been a change in the scheduling, or do I not understand the time conversion correctly?

Here in Oklahoma, I was only able to get a weak carrier, but it was well heard in Europe. I believe the transmitter site is actually Bulgaria, correct? Regards, (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO, to Nanci Hersh at Miraya FM, via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, Thanks for listening. 1500-1800 UT is the correct timeslot and that's when the transmission is scheduled to go out. However, there seems to have been a scheduling glitch that took us all by surprise today! In any event, it's nice to know we still got our signal out there. Really appreciate your feedback. Best regards, (Nanci Hersh, Broadcast Technology Officer /Radio Operations, UNMIS/PIO/Radio, Office/Dect: +249 (0) 187 08 7562, Mobile: +249 (0) 912 178782, e-mail: hersh @ un.org Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Nanci's good people (she was my studio engineer when I was running the station there.), and she is always helpful. I'm glad things are coming through and that the signal is reaching NAm shores. As Nanci says, there was apparently a scheduling goof-up. Always a friend, (Albert Muick, Broadcast Technology Officer/Technical Director, Radio MINUSTAH, Haiti, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Al, Tnx. We are wondering where `there` is -- Does Miraya originate from Juba, or remotely from Khartoum (or somewhere else even?). (Glenn to Al, via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, Ah...that's easy. Miraya FM has about 7 transmitting sites across southern Sudan. There is a main studio in Juba and a main studio in Khartoum. The government of the north refused to honor their initial agreement to let us transmit in the north (hence one of the prime reasons for shortwave), but the government of the south was all for our station.

When I designed the system, I linked the two studios in full duplex over Atlantic Bird 3 from Eutelsat with a 128kbps stream using Comstream encoding. The studio in the north can hear the broadcasts all day long and the southern studio in Juba takes news and interviews and special features from the north and transmits them. They often have national debates and requests of northern music. People can call into a telephone exchange of the UN and make music requests. Pretty cool setup if I do say so myself.

Maybe someday Khartoum will stop being so anal retentive and allow us on the air. The shortwave also serves Darfur.

All kidding aside, it was one long uphill battle to get on the air in Sudan. It really took a lot out of me. Peacekeeping is tough. Now Haiti is pulling the same stunt as Khartoum and refusing to give us a frequency, so we are trying to partner with a local station who has a license to get on the air. As soon as I have all this working, I'm going to request re-assignment to the next challenge...maybe Timor or Iraq (kinda miss the sound of the drums --- just the old army man in me). Best, (Albert Muick, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Saludos Glenn, Es probable que diga alg'n disparate, pero es posible que Radio Miraya estÈ emitiendo desde el Reino Unido con soporte de la BBC?? Ya lo hace con Darfur Salaam. La seòal que recibo aquÌ en Valencia me da que pensar, via IRRS Nexus parece que ha sido descartado (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, Oct 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Could be, or if they are going with VTC, could be UAE or someplace closer to Sudan than UK; or TDP from CIS, etc. Miraya ignored my question about it being Bulgaria. Once again, no one wants to say the truth. So the Khartoum regime is going to bomb the transmitter site, if they find out, or break off relations with the offending country? Looks like the `mistake` in timing happened again Oct 26 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

9825, Radio Miraya, 1335-1350, escuchada el 26 de octubre en idioma desconocido, locutor con comentarios, emisiûn de m'sica pop y regae africano, conexiûn telefûnica con oyentes, SINPO 44444. Emisiûn en paralelo por Internet pero con retraso. http://www.mirayafm.org/listen.html

Wednesday, 24 October 2007 --- Starting on 25th October 2007, Miraya Sudan is broadcasting on shortwave from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sudanese time (1500 - 1800 GMT) on frequency 9825 KHz in the 31 meter band. This signal can be heard all over Sudan and in neighbouring countries.

Monday to Friday --- News every 30 minutes (in Simple Arabic, Arabic and English). Features and information for and about the Sudanese people will be aired in between the news bulletins.

Saturday and Sunday --- We join Miraya FM live for news bulletins on the hour and the weekend edition of Sudan Tonite

We want to know if you can receive the signal loud and clear? Please let us know and tell us where you are listening by sending an email to mirayasudan @ mirayafm.org

This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it or click here for online feedback (from http://www.mirayafm.org/mirayasudan/ which launches audio ID automatically; beware, via Romero, DXLD)

Solar-terrestrial indices for 25 October follow. Solar flux 67 and mid-latitude A-index 16. The mid-latitude K-index at 1500 UTC on 26 October was 4 (55 nT). Space weather for the past 24 hours has been moderate. Geomagnetic storms reaching the G2 level occurred. No space weather storms are expected for the next 24 hours (SWPC via DXLD)

Again not much of any signal here on 9825 around 1330-1400 Oct 26, but brought up the very distorted webstream also with hum just after 1500 when it was news in African English until music at 1517; African language at 1521, giving website expressed in English. 1522 back to English, interviewing a visitor. During rest of hour a mix of English, unknown languages, and (Juba?) Arabic, 1545 `I`m Mister Lonely` by chipmunk. Never heard any mention of SW, much less 9825, much2 less transmitter site. Timesignal at 1602, two minutes late, not entirely due to internet delay? And into non-English news this hour (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Earlier:] 9825 ?? unID Arab station with mainly Arab songs, dull and undermodulated, S5 signal strength, 34443 (Zacharias Liangas-RC [?], Oct 20, wwdxc BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD) I must have skipped this log because there was no time given, but perhaps Miraya was testing there a few days earlier (gh, DXLD)

\*\* SWAN ISLAND. Re 7-122: Oct 12, 2007. Hurrah, I went to NA-35 today on Honduran Air Force twin turbo prop. The Radio Club of Honduras members (RCH) will now participate in this special expedition. We have planned to depart from Trujillo on March 15 and return on March 23 on a 91 foot Honduran Navy vessel. Comfortable accommodations, air

conditioned. We hope to find 10 operators to operate 4 stations. We will take my Hughes satellite system to upload logs into our website. Cost for participants about 700.00, will include meals and transport from San Pedro to San Pedro. This may be the last opportunity as island may become a penal colony (prison) and access would be even more restricted. Website being constructed will be http://www.qsl.net/hq8r

There will be photos of Swan and soon photos of the ship. Cost of ship is 4500.00 US, so we hope to have enough participants/or donations to make this trip possible. We think that enough small contributions may make this DXpedition possible. My paypal account is my e-mail address. Thank you for those who wish to help. Javier HR2J for HQ8R 2007-10-23 (from http://www.qrz.com/hq8r via DXLD)

Javier is very dedicated to the idea of activating IOTA NA-035! Check the profile at: http://www.qrz.com/hq8r Also see some pictures from IOTA NA-035 taken by Javier last week at: http://picasaweb.google.com/cisnephotos/swanhonduras (4X4-2238 via ICPO Bulletin Oct 25 via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD) No sign of the old 1160 station (gh, DXLD)

\*\* UKRAINE. Radio Ukraine International, Winter B07 Tentative Broadcasting Schedule (28 October 2007 - 30 March 2008)

Time UTC; Frequency; Transmitter Site; Power; Azimuth; Target Area

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*0000-0500; 7530; Lviv; 600; 303; Northeastern America 0100-0600; 5830; Kharkiv; 100; 055; Russia 0600-0900; 7440; Kharkiv; 100; 290; Western Europe 0900-1400; 9950; Kharkiv; 100; 277; Western Europe 1400-1800; 5830; Kharkiv; 100; 055; Russia 1800-2100; 5840; Kharkiv; 100; 290; Western Europe 2100-0100; 5830; Kharkiv; 100; 290; Western Europe
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 $\star$  This transmission can be off the air till the beginning of 2008 finance year.

Transmission schedules in various languages are as follows:

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ENGLISH (one hour long):
2000 on 5840 kHz
2200 on 5830 kHz
0100 & 0400 on 7530 kHz
0600 on 7440 kHz
1000 & 1200 on 9950 kHz
GERMAN (one hour long):
1800 on 5840 kHz
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UKRAINIAN programmes are transmitted on all frequencies and at all times except for the time reserved for English and German programmes, as shown above. Romanian (half an hour long): 1800, 2030 & 2200 on 657 kHz (via Chernivtsi 25 kW).

NOTE: This schedule is subject to changes (Via Alexander Yegorov, 22nd Oct 2007 via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, ARDXC via DXLD)

Re: ``what`s that in human English?`` According to Al. Yegorov, Technical Manager of RUI, for B-07 the real info is: 1000-1100 in English on 9950 and not 0800-0900 UT on 7440 kHz. BTW maybe some parts of the broadcasts will be ceased for financial reasons as it was in September 2007 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Oct 22, wwdxc BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD)

# \*\* U K. ALAN JOHNSTON TELLS HIS OWN STORY TO THE BBC

Alan Johnston, the BBCis Gaza correspondent was kidnapped by a group known as The Army of Islam on 12 March 2007. On July the 4th he was finally set free after 114-days in captivity. Now he tells the full story of his ordeal in this special edition of his favourite UK BBC Radio 4 programme From Our Own Correspondent which will also broadcast on BBC World Service.

Alan talks of the room in which he was held with its ënarrow sagging bed and two plastic chairsí. How he was stripped of his watch and could only tell the time by the passage of the sun and the five calls to prayer from nearby mosques. How he had to throw away his disposable contact lenses on the first day and how, ëin this blurred, empty roomí he began to come to terms with the disaster which had engulfed him.

He says he felt very very far from home and aghast at the situation he was in. He worried about the impact his abduction would have on his elderly parents and his sister at home in Scotland. His captors allowed him to see a television appeal his parents made for his release and Alan said it was a vast relief for him to see his fatheris ëpowerful and dignifiedi address on TV. ëFor me,i he says in this programme, ëit was their finest hour.i

Trying to keep control of his mind in this situation was, he says, one of the greatest challenges heis ever had to face. Elt was the psychological battle of my life.i He passed time thinking back to his childhood, about his career and about past girlfriends. His ordeal gave him plenty of time to regret the decision heid made to stay on in Gaza despite the increasing dangers he faced as BBC correspondent there.

Often during his days in captivity, he thought he would be killed and if this happened, he thought it likely he would be the subject of an execution video in the style of those filmed in Iraq. Alan says he didnit want to be seen on such a video as a weeping, pleading, broken man; he was determined to preserve his dignity in his final moments.

He describes how he gradually came to know his guards; particularly one young man called Khamees who was wanted by the authorities, ëa battle-hardened urban guerillaí who rarely ventured outdoors and, as the kidnap drew to a close, smashed Alan in the face.

The violent politics of Gaza eventually shifted against Alanís kidnappers: as the powerful Hamas and Fatah factions began a fight to the death he lay in his room listening to machine gun and rocket fire in the streets outside feeling lost in a place which had descended into all-out war. But the changing political scenario finally led to Alanís release, although he didnít know this when he was hooded and violently taken outside and put into the back seat of a car. Alan believed that at any second a gun battle might erupt and the car would fill with bullets.

Yet soon he was free and, within days, back in Scotland where all that had happened to him in Gaza began to slide into the past. There are still nightmares but Alan believes heis ëgoing to be fine.i

The kidnap, he reflects, ëwas a sort of dark education.í ëI lived through things which before I would have struggled to imagineÖIíve gained too a deeper sense of the value of freedom Ö even now, more than three months after I was freed, it can still seem faintly magical to do the simplest things ñ like walk down a street in the sunshine or sit in a cafÈ with a newspaper.í Ends

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From Our Own Correspondent: Alan Johnston's story will be broadcast on BBC World Service at the following times - All are shown in GMT.

Australia: Thursday 00:06, 05:06, 11:06 and 16:06 East Asia: Thursday 03:06, 08:06, 13:06, 16:06, 19:06 South Asia: Thursday 04:06, 09:06, 13:06, 16:06, 21:06 East Africa: Thursday 06:06, 11:06, 14:06, 21:06 Friday 01:06 Saturday 06:06, 21:06 Sunday 02:06, 09:06 West Africa: Thursday 09:06, 14:06, 21:06 Friday 00:06 Saturday 13:06 Sunday 09:06 Middle East Thursday 06:06, 13:06, 19:06 Friday 00:06 Saturday 13:06 Sunday 02:06, 09:06 Europe: Thursday 08:06, 11:06, 19:06, 23:06 Friday (Radio 4) 01:06 Saturday (Radio 4) 00:06 Saturday (BBC World Service)

11:06 Americas: Thursday 13:06, 19:06 Friday 00:06, 05:06 Saturday 13:06, 23:06 Sunday 09:06 (BBC Press Release via DXLD)

The press release also had a full(?) transcript. For this special edition of FOOC, Johnston takes the entire show which runs 28 minutes on the BBCR4 version, presumably shortened for WS (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Delano's last day (corrected). The final day of transmission from the IBB shortwave transmitting station at Delano, California, will be as follows (times UTC, frequencies in kHz)...

UTC 27 October: 1600-2400 13820 Radio MartÌ 2100-2130 21555 VOA Creole

UTC 28 October: 0030-0200 9560 VOA Spanish 0200-0230 5890 Radio Thailand English 0230-0330 5890 Radio Thailand Thai

The last VOA English from Delano will be VOA Special English, UTC 27 October (Friday evening, 26 October, U.S. time) at 0130-0200 UTC on 13740. (Special English is Monday through Friday only to the Americas.)

Thanks to Glenn Hauser for corrections: VOA Creole is 2100-2130 UT, not 1700-1730, Radio Martì is on 13820, not 13740. Glenn also reminds us that Friday evening EDT will be the last broadcast of the long-standing Buenas Noches, Amèrica program on VOA Spanish (0130-0200 UT). Posted: 26 Oct 2007 (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

I also said that Delano takes over from Greenville on 13820 at 1930 or 2000, according to schedules; has it really changed to 1600? I have missed checking for transition at all those hours so far (gh, DXLD)

Are there any surprises in store for us shortly regarding VOA English programming??? (Glenn to Kim Elliott, Oct 26, via DXLD)

None that I know of. But, then, I don't know much. Until the House and Senate have their budget conference, all the VOA language services remain for now (Kim Andrew Elliott, VOA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. WWCR, 15825, at only one megameter from here is usually weak or inaudible, as OK is in the F-layer skip zone, so when it inbooms I know something interesting is happening propagationally, i.e. a sporadic E opening, which may or may not attain VHF and also bring in TV or FM DX. This reception eventually encouraged me to tune up to 30 MHz and find lots of DX on 10 and 11 meters:

Oct 25 at 2002 I found 15825 inbooming with Rock the Universe, at an unscheduled time. Lots of great music, harmonious love songs of the sixties, and at 2027 a plug for the Doowop CafÈ, http://www.doowopcafe.net

Current online sked dated Oct 1 lists The Pat Boone Show for Thursday 2000-2100, among other music fillers during this weekday hour --- so the paid show which knocked WORLD OF RADIO from Thursday to Friday at 2030 several months ago is long gone (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. Allan Weiner's remarks in DXLD 7-128 --- Glenn, I laughed out loud when I read in the latest DXLD that Allan Weiner feels you "need a life." Anyone who has followed Weiner's strange, quixotic career as a radio pirate --- from 1970's Falling Star Network, to KPRC, to KPF-941, to Radio Newyork International, to his odd (putting it mildly) association with Brother Stair in launching Voyager Broadcasting Services for yet another futile attempt at offshore broadcasting --- would likely conclude Allan desperately "needs a life" himself. 73, (Harry Helms W5HLH, Smithville, TX EL19, Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. This weekend's DX Tests --- Checks with Steve Vogler at WLPO and Allan Weiner at WCXH indicate both tests are a go. Unique music, Morse code and sweep tones are all part of the formats for both tests. As discussed earlier, please e-mail me your results ASAP as I will be talking with a reporter in La Salle, IL regarding the success of the WLPO test for a story he is writing. For more details on these and all other DX Tests, please go to http://www.dxtests.info Good luck to everyone (Jim Pogue, IRCA/NRC Joint Broadcast Test Committee Coordinator, Oct 24, Memphis, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Show #2 of The BTC Podcast has just been released. It is available as a free download through the i-Tunes Music Store, or your favorite podcast reader. The URL for subscription is: http://www.dxtests.info/podcasts/BTC\_feed.xml

Or, you can download it directly at: http://www.dxtests.info/podcasts/BTC\_Podcast\_2.mp3

The BTC Podcast will be updated regularly with the latest DX tests as scheduled, as well as last-minute tests or changes. Your comments are welcome at dxtests @ dxtests.info (Jim Pogue, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST) It's 5:17 long, 2.4 MB? Who is speaking? Apparently not Jim, 3rd person

\*\* U S A. 25950 kHz, 10/26/07, 0225+ UT, KOA Denver (studio link) with play-by-play of Rockies/Red Sox World Series game. "850 KOA" ID,

commercials for UMB Bank and Rockies-related promos. Listed as being FM mode, but having a tough time getting my receiver to lock it in on FM, so I've been listening to it as distorted SSB. WWV on 20 MHz also coming in well at this time, albeit a little fluttery. Long fades, else fair (Mark Schiefelbein, MO USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. Miami FL, 89.7, NEW: 250CT07 89.7 WMCU/and translator W270AD are now broadcasting after about 10 days of open carrier and \$ light: WKCP Miami FL/W270AD are now "South Florida's Stage For Classical Music." Probably a nice addition after WTMI Miami 93.1 died (Ken Simon/ Lake Worth FL, Oct 25, WTFDA via DXLD) So I tried http://www.wkcp.org and it forwarded to the About page of Minnesota Public Radio (gh, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. TWO MORE RADIO TOWERS SOUGHT FOR NEW STATION --- LOCAL OWNERS WIN RIGHTS TO BROADCAST ON A NEW AM FREQUENCY. By Jeff Switzer, Herald Writer

The Skotdal family says it has won the last available AM frequency in the Puget Sound area and wants to build two new radio towers in the Snohomish River valley to put it on the air.

The owners will wait on a format for the new station -- 1520-AM -- until they receive county and federal approvals for construction of the antennas. The signal will reach all of Snohomish County during the day, and a half-dozen core cities at night, including Everett, Marysville, Lake Stevens, Snohomish, Mill Creek and maybe Mukilteo.

"This new station has never been on the air before," said Andy Skotdal, spokesman for the family's radio business and general manager for KRKO 1380-AM. "It's a special frequency in a lot of ways." . . . http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20071026/NEWS01/710260059&news01ad=1 (Herald, Everett WA, via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. KPOF 910 Denver 80th anniversary: see DIGITAL BROADCASTING

\*\* ZAMBIA [and non]. Christian Voice via Wertachtal is now scheduled until Nov 30, and by no means this indicates that the second transmitter at Zambia will go on air on Dec 1, since this is already the fourth prolongation if I recall correct. Any information about this Zambia phantom? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

9430 0500-0559 46,47 180 217 281007 301107 WER 125 CVC Nigeria 1720 0600-0659 46,47 180 217 281007 301107 WER 125 CVC Nigeria 15640 0700-0900 46,47 180 217 281007 301107 WER 125 CVC Nigeria 15680 1500-1759 46,47 180 217 281007 301107 WER 125 CVC Nigeria 9490 1800-1959 46,47 180 217 281007 301107 WER 125 CVC Nigeria

7285 2000-2059 46,47 180 216 281007 301107 WER 125 CVC Nigeria (DTK T-Systems Juelich, Oct 19, via wwdxc http://www.wwdxc.de via Wolfgang B\_schel, DXLD) 217 & 216 are antenna types (gh)

ZAMBIA CVO B07 schedule [but 315 beams not yet in use, as above]
4965 1500-0500 52E,53W,57N LUS 100 0 English
6065 0500-1500 52E,53W,57N LUS 100 0 English
9430 0500-0600 46SE LUS 100 315 English
13590 0600-1400 46SE LUS 100 315 English
13650 1400-1700 46SE LUS 100 315 English
(BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD)

\*\* ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA (ZANZIBAR), 11735 kHz, Radio Tanzania, in Swahili, from 1957 to 2100\* Male vocal and chorus, with drums, flutes, strings; at 2000 with YL talk, and news headlines until 2002, then bright flute and string music to 2023, brief talk, more music; brief talk at 2039, more light Afropops, male talk briefly 2056, then YL at 2059, then brassy anthem and off the air right at 2100. October 24th.

At first quite good, SINPO 43323, then signal became weaker, with deeper fades, SINPO 34322 at 2050 UT. FIREDRAKE on 11740 started to interfere quite at bit from about 2055, likely covering RFA Tinian (not heard). Heard on a Grundig Yachtboy 400 PE with random long wire (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, ODXA yg via DXLD)

\*\* ZIMBABWE [non]. 10/25/07, South Africa, 11810khz, Channel Africa heard in English from 1749 tune in until 1812 tune out. ID at TOH. Regional affairs talks. EL music bumpers. Fair sig. QRM from both sides.

10/25/07, Clandestine, 12035 kHz, SW Radio Africa, Heard in English from 1822 tune in until 1859 sign off. "Hot Seat" interview of OM by YL on opposition political parties to Mugabe in upcoming March, 08 Zimbabwe elections. VERY STRONG signal. Clear frequency. No jamming. ID at 1858. s/off with short carrier note. Anyone know where this is originating from? (Jim Ducharme, Puerto Rico, Satellit 700, Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jim, Unless there has been a very recent change or a very big mixup, 11810 should not be Channel Africa, but another frequency of SW Radio Africa! 11810 via Armavir Russia, and 12035 via Kvitsoy, Norway. Programming should be in parallel, altho maybe not synchronized. I can't hear 11810 well enough to be sure about how close they match. Channel Africa is not scheduled on 11810 (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Glenn, I made positive ID in English of Channel Africa on 11810 at 1800, 10/25/07. I presumed Meyerton, but no mention of transmitter

site. I did ID it before trying to look it up and do a "backward" ID. I will recheck tomorrow and update. Thanks for the location on 12035 SW Radio Africa. It was killer strong here today (Jim Ducharme, PR, ibid.)

Hi Kathy, A monitor in Puerto Rico today (Oct 25) insists that altho he was hearing SW Radio Africa on 12035 before and after 1800 UT, on 11810 he was hearing Channel Africa. Do you have any idea how this could have happened, if it did? Ch Af is surely not scheduled there. Tnx, (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO to Kathy Otto, SENTECH, via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, It's highly unlikely that this could have happened. Neither 12035 nor 11810 (1700-1900 UT) are beamed from Meyerton but from transmitter sites in Europe. If Channel Africa was heard on 11810 kHz I've no idea how the audio could have arrived at the Northern Hemisphere transmitter site, except by a complete fluke!

Also, if you look at Channel Africa's schedule, there are no transmissions scheduled between 1800 and 1900 UT, and no programming comes from the studios at that time. I suppose an earlier programme could have been recorded and played out again, but I doubt it ..... Sorry I can't shed any more light on this mystery. Kind regards (Kathy Otto, HF Coverage Planner, Broadcast Transmission Engineering, Sentech Ltd., Oct 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Correxion: 11810, SW Radio Africa in English heard at sign-on at 1700 10/25/07. NOT Channel Africa as I had reported on 10/24/07. Fair signal with QRM. // 12035 and in synch. I apologize for the bad ID, as I make my way to the audiologist (Jim Ducharme, Puerto Rico, Satellit 700, Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Earlier:

Gerry, A monitor in Puerto Rico today (Oct 25) insists that altho he was hearing SWRA on 12035 before and after 1800 UT, on 11810 he was hearing Channel Africa. Do you have any idea how this could have happened, if it did? They are certainly not scheduled there. It looks like you may be changing frequencies for the European relays in a few days. Can you give us the new ones? Thanks, (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO, to SWRA via DXLD)

Hi - thanks for your email. I have no idea about 11810 and Channel Africa, and as we are about to change frequencies I will not set up an investigation. Unfortunately we do not have enough funding to have two additional frequencies in future, so as from 29th October we will be on our normal 4880 kHz (which is constantly jammed in Zim) and we will also be on 7125 kHz. Thanks for contacting us. All the best (Gerry Jackson, Station Manager, http://www.swradioafrica.com Oct 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SW Radio Africa announced new frequency 7125 beginning 10/29/07 on their opening comments at 1700 sign-on, 11810 // 12035 10/26/07 (Jim Ducharme, Puerto Rico, Satellit 700, Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Presumably still 1700-1900 for both? Lower 7125 could be non-European site, closer to Zim. Madagascar? South Africa? No, Woofferton (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. Re 1610 Florida pirate: Tnx Glenn & Terry --- I was aware of that station, but it is weird that I caught it beaming where I did. I am 40 miles directly north of them. Frankly, I hardly bother with DXing AM anymore. It's a new radio world out there; of course, I had no say in it. cd sincerely (Christopher Dunne, Psalms 33:12, dxing.info via DXLD) Well, there could be another one (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5200, unID, OCT 15, 0153 - man in Spanish with a fairly lengthy newscast. Good modulation, although the signal itself was mostly on the very poor side with brief fair peaks and occasional words readable such as "'ltimas noticias" (latest news). Suspect an out-of-band Peruvian. The only oddity I came across that Sunday evening. Any idea on what this could have been? (Bogdan Alexandru Chiochiu, DX'ing with his trusty Sanyo MCD-S830 barefoot and with its Sangean CST-818 along with a 20 meters long-wire in Pierrefonds-Roxboro (Montreal's West Island), Quebec, Canada, Oct 25, LatinMWDX yg via DXLD)

Most likely receiver-produced image of 6110, VOA Greenville, Spanish 0030-0200, 910 kHz below true frequency. Your receiver does produce images of 2 x 455 IF, doesn't it? If so, you should always check 910 kHz higher when you have a mystery like this. BTW, 6110, and hence the image, will no longer be in use from Oct 28. And if you had listened a little longer, probably would have heard a VOA ID (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5954.12, 26/10 0024, Radio Rep'blica, politics, Spanish, fair. Rx SDR-IQ & T2FD Ciao (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Still mystified as to site (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9325, oscillating tone jammer, against nothing else audible, much like on 15645; Oct 26 at 1311. Voice of Korea, in Korean to Europe is scheduled. Maybe DPRK got their jamming and broadcasting wires crossed? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

A special 'THANKS' to Glenn Hauser for his continued contributions to the hobby of Short-Wave listening and for his tireless dedication to editing and assembling all of your log report submissions into these posts. Good work! (Duane Fischer, swl @ qth.net) See also USA: WBCQ

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: see ALBANIA; GERMANY; RUSSIA; SUDAN

KPOF-910 in the news

My local weekly newspaper, the Westminster Window, has a story this week about KPOF which will celebrate its 80th anniversary next March. They signed on the air March 9, 1928. The station's studios are located in the historic Pillar of Fire building which was built in 1892. At that time the building was the Westminster University which was then dubbed as the "Princeton of the West". The article says that Pillar of Fire is the oldest network of Christian radio stations in the world and KPOF is the oldest station in the network.

A large portion of the article centers around the station broadcasting in HD. KPOF has been HD since 2004 and was the first full-time HD station in the market. The article says that iBiquity identifies the Denver/Boulder market as the number one market in the country for HD with 58% of the stations broadcasting digitally (Patrick Griffith, CBT CBNT CRO, Westminster CO, NRC-AM via DXLD)

I wonder how many have iBlock receivers in that market? .01%? I wonder out of that .01% (?) of the people who own iBlock receivers how many are receiving the broadcasts as broadcast? .0001%?

Here is a little story from the chairman at Eventide Inc. in Radio World Newspaper Online about the availability on iBlock receivers at an "an enormous Circuit City in Totowa, N.J." http://www.rwonline.com/pages/s.0049/t.9235.html (Bob Young, Analog, MA, ibid.)

# PROPAGATION ++++++

PROPAGATION --- Big Opening on 10, 11 meters --- Off-season sporadic E appears to be underway Thursday afternoon; WWCR inbooming on 15825, normally weak in skip zone, after 2000 with unscheduled appearance of Rock The Universe.

Moving up past 25 MHz, I found Spanish-speaking freebanders all over the place, mostly on AM with tones, echoes, pileups on some frequencies. Mexico? Including within the so-called 11m SWBC band, where these will really be a problem if groundwave DRM is ever tried as proposed.

These frequencies all seemed to end in 5, implying some kind of coordination; no attempt to ID or locate them, but frequencies heard from 2035 included:

25985, 25705, 25785, 25755, 25835. Also: 26715, 26735, 26585(pileup), 26375, 26225(SSB), 27815, 27985, 28045, 28215, 28315 (yes, encroaching on the 10m hamband above 28000) And many others lower.

So is 10m open too with real hams? Yes, but not nearly as much activity as among the CBers just lower (the 'official' (?) US CB also full of signals).

2044 on 28495, 6H1MW, working US & Canadian stations back-to-back, many of whom I could also hear, like it were a contest, never giving handle or location until finally at 2100 mentioned he is Carlos, 50 miles S of Mexico City (WPX target, I guess, not an XE-). Still going at 2117.

2047 on 28515 HC8N - must be Gal·pagos 2050 on 28480 PY20MS, Brasil 2053 on 28347 LU#OT, weaker, CQ North America. Argentina. Could not get the number.

These deep South Americans imply something more than just a plain old short-skip opening. Looked around for broadcast harmonics up to 31 MHz but did not find any. No activity yesterday or today on http://dxworld.com/tvfmlog.html so the MUF must not be up past 50 MHz (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have just been looking at the NASA charts and see that there appears to have been a sudden commencement of geomagnetic activity about 1400 UT Thursday 25th Oct 2007, Solar wind at 1818 UT (25th) running at about 600 units, when quiet, readings of 300ish are more common, all very interesting. I wonder how many of our more serious DXers, habitually check their more unusual observations (especially) with readings from NASA etc, ("Space Weather Now Etc")? (Ken Fletcher, UK, Oct 26, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

Solar-terrestrial indices for 25 October follow. Solar flux 67 and estimated mid-latitude A-Index 15. The mid-latitude K-index at 2100 UTC on 25 October was 4 (51 nT). Space weather for the past 24 hours has been moderate. Geomagnetic storms reaching the G2 level occurred. Space weather for the next 24 hours is expected to be minor. Geomagnetic storms reaching the G1 level are expected (SWPC via DXLD)

Thanks to the tip here I worked Mexico, 6H1MW, and Brazil, PY5KW, at 2131z and 2143z respectively. Heard PJ2/K1XX on CuraÁao, but could not work him and had to leave the house around 2200z. Nice to see at least a little bit of life on the higher bands again. 73, de (Nate >> -- Wireless | Amateur Radio Station NONB, Bargmann, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Opening still seems to be going at 2245 UT: hearing YN2N (Octavio) in Nicaragua working hams in North America on 28385, good signal here in the lower Midwest (Mark Schiefelbein, USA, Oct 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Aha, WTFDA reports show there was some Es into the FM band later that evening between CT & OK, NJ & NE at least (gh, DXLD) See also USA: KOA 25950

Solar-terrestrial indices for 25 October follow. Solar flux 67 and mid-latitude A-index 16. The mid-latitude K-index at 0000 UTC on 26 October was 3 (31 nT). Space weather for the past 24 hours has been moderate. Geomagnetic storms reaching the G2 level occurred. Space weather for the next 24 hours is expected to be minor. Geomagnetic storms reaching the G1 level are expected.

Joint USAF/NOAA Solar and Geophysical Activity Summary SGAS Number 299 Issued at 0245Z on 26 Oct 2007 --- This report is compiled from data received at SWO on 25 Oct A. Energetic Events Begin Max End Rgn Loc Xray Op 245 MHz 10cm Sweep None B. Proton Events: None C. Geomagnetic Activity Summary: The geomagnetic field ranged from quiet to minor storm conditions, major storm levels were observed at high latitudes (SWPC via DXLD)

Since my FRG-7 was still tuned to 10 meters when I turned it on again at 0550 UT October 26, I checked to see if there was still any opening in the middle of the night: yes, some CW beacons around 28270, including on 28272, W4TIY, which according to its website is 25 watts in Dallas, GA. I was also hearing some distorted FM music on 28415, not fading much and not sure if local or skip from some pirate; also obscured SSB station on the low side I was never able to copy. Music was off around 0557. 16m was barely open too with Chinese on 17880 at 0600, but missed ID if any. Probably RFA Saipan as scheduled rather than Chinese jamming in this case (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MORE LONG-HAUL TRANS-EQUATORIAL FM DX, CARIBBEAN TO SOUTHERN BRASIL

SAINT KITTS & NEVIS
96.7, 2340 24/10 ZIZ FM, Basseterre, OM, mx, EE 35333

# GUADELOUPE

- 97.0, 2343 24/10 RFO (R. Guadeloupe), Basse-Terre, OM, nxs, FF 45333 MARTINICA
- 94.0, 2346 24/10 RFO (R. Martinique), TrinitÈ, YL, mx, FF 45333 ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
- 91.9, 2350 24/10 Hitz FM, Saint Johnís, mx caribenha variada, EE 45344

# SAINT VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

- 99.9, 0009 24/10 WE FM, Kingstown, OM/OM, talks, EE 43443
- 90.7, 0049 24/10 NBC, Kingstown, OM, nxs, EE // 107.5 MHz 23332

Receptor: Sony ICF SW 7600G. Antena: LW de 12 metros .

\_\_.\_, (Rubens Ferraz Pedroso, Engenheiro AgrÙnomo, Bandeirantes ñ PR http://www.dxclube.com.br via DXLD) ####